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'We're entering new phase of history'

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Under overcast skies, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres took their respective oaths of offices yesterday in front of an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 people at the Governor's Office on Capital Hill.

The newly sworn in governor said his new administration is ready to write a new chapter in the history of the Commonwealth—one that will hopefully take advantage of multi-billion dollar investments, a rebounding tourism industry—all the while improving the lives of the

people of the CNMI.

"We are entering a new phase of our Commonwealth's history and with the expected new investments of several billion dollars, I am confident that there will be many new opportunities

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Left, Gov. Eloy S. Inos is sworn in by Supreme Court Associate Judge Perry Inos (not in picture) while his eldest daughter Dora Anne holds the Bible. Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres is sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro (not in picture), while his wife, Lady Diane holds the Bible.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

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■ During the election for House speaker, Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) had to clarify that the vote for "Joseph Guerrero" was for Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and should not be confused with Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) who is a first-term representative.

■ Of the 20 House of Representatives members that were sworn in yesterday, only Rep. Ralph N. Yumul (Ind-Saipan) didn't wear a suit and tie among the men, instead opting for a *barong* Tagalog, the traditional formal attire

in the Philippines. Yumul's father, Jess, hails from Pampana in the Philippines.

■ Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) said he was trying hard not to cry during his speech because he had a bet with Yumul on whoever sheds a tear would have to fork out \$50.

■ Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind) would've lost the bet and be \$50 poorer as the first-term representative was visibly emotional when he recalled the lessons from his late father, Juan Reyes Sablan.

■ Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) thanked the late former speaker Jesus P. Maf-

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Deleon Guerrero, Demapan to alternate speakership

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The 19th House of Representatives finally elected a speaker yesterday morning with the camps of Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan)

agreeing to share the post, with the former serving as speaker in the first year and the latter in the second year.

Deleon Guerrero, the speaker of the 18th House, won on a vote of 11-9, beating Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan).

Only Deleon Guerrero and

Tebuteb were nominated for the post, which was already a foretelling sign that Demapan and his six NMI Republican Party mates have coalesced with Deleon Guerrero and his three other independent representatives.

Voting for Deleon Guerrero as speaker were Reps. Antonio

Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Edwin Aldan (Ind-Saipan), Francis S. Taimanao (Ind-Saipan), Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), John Paul P. Sablan (R-Saipan), George Camacho (R-Saipan), Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), Jo-

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Senate to further address NMI's issues

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With all the formalities done, the 19th CNMI Senate declared they are ready to buckle down to work in order to further strengthen a revitalized economy and address other issues that continue to hound the people of the Commonwealth.

Most of the senators' messages—whether veterans or first timers—were all centered in finding solutions to provide better health care, lowering utility rates and further improving the educational system for the youth, which would someday be the lifeblood of the CNMI workforce.

Former Commerce secretary Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) said he would look into updating some of the CNMI's outdated laws in order to help generate revenues for the government.

"Many of our laws are outdated and needs to be taken care off. We need revenue generation so the government can meet its obligation of improving the lives of the people of the Commonwealth," he said.

"We must enact laws to improve the lives of the people and basic education, lower the utility rates, and provide better health care," added Igisomar,



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Members of the 19th CNMI Senate, from left, Sens. Jude U. Hofschneider, Teresita A. Santos, Justo S. Quitugua, Arnold Palacios, Victor B. Hocog, Francisco M. Borja, Steve K. Mesngon, Francisco Q. Cruz, Sixto K. Igisomar pose for a group photo after the first organizational session yesterday.

who will chair the Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications committee.

Sen. Arnold I. Palacios, the Senate floor leader, said that with the election over it is now time to set aside all political differences and focus more on the agenda for the people.

"Today is not the victory of our election to office but our goal must be to advance the high quality of life. We must

listen to the voice of the people and work for the best interest of the CNMI," said Palacios, who will head the Federal Relations and Independent Agencies committee.

"The CNMI has been through a lot the past years. Indeed, our lives have improved. Education and awareness of preserving the environment and resources have improved. We see and feel economic recovery but we must

nurture this."

"All of the challenges can be addressed with the economy on the rebound. We have the collective ability of addressing these challenges. Challenges are to be conquered and problems are to be solved. We must innovate and be creative in handling our affairs. And only then that we can achieve our goals," he added.

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-

Rota), who is the lone lady legislator in the 19th CNMI Senate, said with the economy gradually building strength, she and her colleagues must remain focused on doing their job of delivering for the people.

"Our economy is gradually building strength, yet it continues to be one of the greatest challenges we face for the reason that our economy dictates public services, programs and

projects which are essential to the community. The loss of which will definitely impact the lives of our families and most especially our children," said Santos, the Health and Welfare Committee chair.

"With this challenge in mind, there will be times to make hard decisions, there will be times to negotiate and compromise, there will be times to hold firm

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seph "Leepan" T. Guerrero (R-Saipan), and Glenn L. Maratita (R-Saipan).

The eight that supported Tebuteb for speaker were Reps. Edmund Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman Benavente, Larry Deleon Guerrero, Edwin Propst, Vinson Sablan, and Blas Jonathan "B.J." Attao.

With the majority already in place, the new GOP-Deleon Guerrero independent coalition also proceeded to win the elections for vice speaker and floor leader, which went to Demapan and Camacho, respectively. Demapan beat Roman Benavente for vice speaker while Camacho won the floor leader post from Villagomez.

'Shared speakership'

There was a collective hush and some raised eyebrows after the election of speaker and the subsequent organization of the House leadership. This led Deleon Guerrero to explain the alliance when it was his turn to deliver his message at the dais. Earlier, Demapan, speaking in Chamorro, somewhat alluded to the fact that he will only be serving as vice speaker for 12 months.

"Three people have been vying for the speakership since



The 19th House of Representatives.

MARK RABAGO

the general election. It was an impasse that went throughout. There were many, many negotiations and discussions but until yesterday—24 hours ago—the impasse was still there," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said his group and the GOP forged the current leadership based on the understanding of shared leadership, which he quickly clarified as best described as a shared speakership.

"Under this unique arrangement it was agreed that vice speaker Demapan and I will each hold the speakership for one year—me as the speaker for the first year and vice speaker Demapan on the second year

beginning the second Monday of January 2015" (Later corrected by Demapan to 2016, see Reporter's Notebook). The speaker said this unique and unprecedented arrangement was done because there was a possibility of the House operating under a temporary speaker.

"Under a speaker pro tem and no committee chairs, we would not be able to conduct business and will not be able to inform the governor and the Senate that this House stands ready to transact or conduct business. For better or for worse, I ask my colleagues I personally have confidence that I can work with each and every one

of you. I know each one of you on a personal level. I think if I was asked what is my strength, it would be the long-term relationships I created with people and trying to improve on those relationships. You may call it politics or call it as you may, but it can work. It's a two-way street, of course. If we can come on board with the same attitude of working together as said by every member I heard, I too have optimism that great things would happen," he said.

'Interest of the people'

For his part, Demapan said the compromise with the camp of Deleon Guerrero serves him

and his party well and was done with the interest of the Commonwealth's people in mind.

"One thing I learned not only from my race as a representative but also during the race for the speakership is not everything comes naturally. I have to do a lot of hard work and determination. More importantly, we made the decision [because this is] what's best for the Commonwealth. The agreement was done based on the concession between the speaker's group and our group last night after the Red Mass," he said following yesterday's House organizational session.

Demapan said Lt. Gov. Ralph

DLG. Torres played a big part in forging the alliance with Deleon Guerrero and company.

"The lieutenant governor has always been a major player in this dilemma. He continued to ask and also gave us guidance on this issue. The idea on the co-sharing of the speakership was brought up yesterday by our group," he said.

The House vice speaker also said that he did reach out to members of Tebuteb's independent bloc, but did so by courting each individual's support.

"As their vice speaker, I'm ready to continue to assist the House and work with the Senate

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Manibusan sworn in as first elected attorney general

» **Manibusan wants OAG to be the best law firm in the CNMI, Micronesia**

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Former Superior Court Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan was sworn in yesterday as the first elected attorney general in the CNMI in a historic ceremony at the CNMI Supreme Court.

At the swearing in ceremony administered by CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Manibusan discussed his ideas, plans and visions for the Office of the Attorney General as part of his over-arching goal to ensure the safety and security of the people of the Commonwealth.

"Foremost, I want it to be the best law firm in the Commonwealth, in all the territories and in all of Micronesia," Manibusan said.

To achieve such a goal, he said, means the OAG has to work in partnership with the Executive Branch, the Legislature, the courts, law enforcement agencies such as Customs, Police, Fish and Wildlife, Probation, Parole, and federal counterparts.

"We all need to work together to face and fight the challenges of graft and corruption, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, drugs and violent crimes," Manibusan said.

He underscored the importance of working together to talk about and solve criminal justice issues such as crime prevention, investigations and prosecutions.

"We need to come together as a community to clean our environment so that we and our guests can enjoy our islands' beauty free from trash and garbage and destruction," he said.

The AG said he is committed to working with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and regulatory agencies and plan to engage Commonwealth agencies to meet regularly to discuss issues aimed at building and improving relationships, discussing issues relating to enforcement of laws

and to promote training so that all can properly and legally do their jobs.

Manibusan said he will ask for a budget that reflects the OAG's priorities such as establishing a Solicitors Division, funding the Office of Consumer Counsel, and creating a White Collar Crime/Public Corruption Unit within the OAG's Criminal Division.

Manibusan said his other goals include building infrastructure for the Office of the Attorney so that it would be a truly independent office, free from political interference and influence as mandated by the people, and training the staff both legal and administrative internally and through organizations like the National Association of Attorneys General.

He said he will also, among other things, expand training to government agencies dealing with their legal structures so that these agencies can be more effective and efficient.

Manibusan said he has begun the search for a deputy attorney general, which he believes is critical to the function and operation of the OAG.

Manibusan said he is committed to pursuing justice and not prosecuting cases for numbers.

He disclosed that he will bring in a chief prosecutor who will manage the OAG's Criminal Division and ensure that all criminal cases are thoroughly investigated and reviewed before charges are filed.

Manibusan acknowledged the tremendous power of the attorney general in the prosecution of crimes.

"I am committed to ensuring a fair criminal justice for all citizens," the AG said.

Edward Manibusan in a group photo after taking oath as the CNMI's first elected attorney general during a historic ceremony yesterday at the CNMI Supreme Court. From left are Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, Associate Justice Perry Inos, Mrs. Del Manibusan, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Edward Manibusan, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, and attorney Deborah Fisher-Huesman.

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on issues and not deviate for our conviction,” she added.

Former lieutenant governor and now Tinian Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider, who will head the Rules and Fiscal Af-

fairs, said he would also focus on helping Tinian establish its own local economy and have a well-trained workforce for the CNMI.

“The CNMI has been through a lot of challenges in the past years. There’s still a lot of work to be done. I will work to have a local economy for Tinian,

which the island is longing for. Tourism and hospitality remains the main source of our economy and we must be equipped with a well-trained workforce.”

Sen. Justo S. Quitugua, the only non-Republican member and the chair of the Education and Youth Affairs, said the CNMI must further move forward.

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that will benefit all of our people. We will not lose sight of the fact that your government must work for the people and not the other way around,” he said in his inauguration message.

Inos, who spoke eloquently with a strong voice, said it is also important that the CNMI not only develop new businesses, but also help existing businesses grow. He said the Commonwealth must expand its economic base so that it can weather any global economic downturn.

“One of the key components for continued economic growth is improving our education system. We will work together to improve the educational opportunities for not only our children, but also those wanting a better life for their families. It is imperative that our people are educated and trained as they seek the high quality jobs coming to our islands,” he said.

To this end, the governor vowed to work with the Northern Marianas College and the Public School System.

“We cannot lose the opportunities to succeed because we didn’t do enough to provide the necessary tools to our teachers and students. I pledge to work with NMC and PSS as well as the other stakeholders in the educational community to identify solutions to their most pressing needs,” he said.

Healthcare, utilities

Inos added that his administration would continue its efforts to improve, modernize, and revolutionize the healthcare system of the Commonwealth.

“We must and will do more to guarantee that the best doctors, nurses, and medical equipment are available to our loved ones here in the Commonwealth. We cannot continue to live in a society where our people must travel off-island to receive necessary medical procedures. My administration is determined to address this situation immediately and, working with the medical community, I am confident that our Commonwealth will see a significant improvement in the coming months.”

The governor also said he and Torres will continue to follow through on the government’s commitment to CNMI retirees as well as make strides in lowering the cost of electricity to consumers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

“We will continue to honor our commitment to fully fund the government contribution.

I thank you for your patience over the past year as we identified a solution to restore your hard earned pensions.

“We have made great strides in stabilizing and improving the operations at the CUC, but there is much more that we can and will do. Improved infrastructure coupled with alternative energy sources will help us accomplish our goals of reducing the financial burdens placed on families by the high cost of utilities. My administration is committed to improving the operations of CUC. We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to make the CUC a better partner to the citizens and businesses of the CNMI,” he said.

902 talks

Inos said he would also be addressing issues that have cropped up recently regarding the U.S. Department of Defense’s planned use of the Francisco C. Ada International Airport as an alternative airfield as well as the militarization of Tinian and Pagan.

“One of my first orders of business will be to formally request President Obama to appoint his representative for the 902 consultations. There are many issues that need to be addressed between our Commonwealth and the United States government and the Covenant section 902 process will provide the vehicle in which many will be resolved. I am confident that we will have a spirited discussion across the board but at the end of the day both the Commonwealth and the U.S. government will come to many agreements that will continue to demonstrate our willingness to be equal partners with them while at the same time preserving our values and culture,” he said. The governor added that he’s very encouraged with the decision by the President in which he conveyed to the CNMI three miles of submerged lands jurisdiction.

“This was an important first step and I will continue to work with Delegate [Gregorio Kilili C.] Sablan to extend this boundary further. These lands are an important part of our heritage. The next step in completing this conveyance is to finalize the agreement with the military on the exception for military access.”

Inos also said he values Sablan’s help and will continue to work with the CNMI’s non-voting delegate to Congress to bring solutions to the islands’ plethora of problems.

“My administration and the Legislature will continue to engage the services of our

Washington representative, The Honorable Gregorio Killili Sablan, as we expand and improve our relationships with the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch. Unfortunately, he could not be here today as the U.S. House of Representatives is in session, but I pledged to him our heartfelt thanks for all of his hard work on behalf of the CNMI. One of the most pressing issues facing our Commonwealth is ensuring that we have a stable and hardworking labor force so that investors will have all the tools necessary to build and maintain new businesses. I look forward to working with Delegate Sablan as we tackle this and many other issues in the U.S. Congress.”

Lack of hotel rooms

Inos also acknowledged the dearth of hotel rooms to satisfy the demand of the now thriving tourism industry.

“To our travel industry partners here with us today, I extend our appreciation for your continued promotion of the Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. We have much to offer your clientele but we know that we still have much to do to improve our destination. As tourism is currently the leading economic driver for our Commonwealth, we pledge our continued partnership and collaboration with you, both on and off island. We fully appreciate that we need to add more hotel rooms and improve our infrastructure to accommodate the increased interest in our islands. I am so thankful to the new investors that are building hotels, not only here but also on our other islands. We know that this is not enough but we will work with you to provide the necessary resources,” he said.

He also pledged to the people of Rota and Tinian that his administration will find solutions to inter-island connectivity.

“You deserve to have easy and dependable access to not only goods and services but also your family here in Saipan. Solving this problem will also help improve the economy in both places and provide easier access for our tourism industry.”

Looking back

Inos started his speech by reminiscing about the challenges he and former lieutenant governor and now Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) faced when they were thrust to the position of leadership following the resignation of former governor Benigno R. Fitial.

“Two years ago, when I was sworn in as your governor, our Commonwealth was at a

“Know that nothing is impossible if we work together. We must do our work well for our diverse community. Our decisions should answer what is the best for our people and not of personal interest.”

Victor B. Hocog will serve as Senate president; Francisco M. Borja the vice president and the

crossroads. The then Senate president, Jude Hofschneider, and I were thrust into office in a very non-traditional manner. Jude and I could not rest, as we were all too painfully aware of the many challenges our Commonwealth was facing. We did not lose sight of who we are as a people and what makes us so strong. We the people of the CNMI have never wavered in times of adversity—we rise to the occasion and band together.”

Looking back, Inos wasn’t afraid to admit that he was surprised at just how much his administration accomplished over the last two years.

“We identified a solution to the NMI Retirement Fund crisis while reducing our general fund deficit by more than \$230 million, we secured and have spent more than \$40 million on Capital Improvements Projects, we merged and consolidated agencies to eliminate redundancy and achieve efficiency, our tourism industry witnessed substantial growth with increased activity from our friends here in the Pacific region, we negotiated and signed a contract for a multi-billion dollar integrated resort here on Saipan, we signed agreements with new investors for a resort in Tinian, and we are poised to sign a \$15- to \$23-million construction contract for the Puerto Rico Dump closure—this is a project that has been through four administrations.”

Aside from members of the 19th Legislature, officials from Judiciary, and heads of government agencies, yesterday’s inauguration was also attended by dignitaries from off-island: Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., Peleliu State Gov. Temmy Shmull, Ngardmau State Gov. Renguul Victor Masahiro, Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, Guam Speaker Judy Won Pat, Guam Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz, Guam Sen. Rory Respicio, Guam Sen. Tina Muna-Barnes, Rear Admiral Bette Bolivar, Brig. Gen. Steven Basham, Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana, Federal Court Justice Alex Munson, Guam Superior Court Justice Vernon Perez, and Japan Consul General Hitoshi Kikuchi.

Fr. Ryan Jimenez, the apostolic administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, led the invocation and the benediction, while Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) was the master of ceremony. Until Friday, Demapan was Inos’ press secretary.

Note: The speech of Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will be reported in tomorrow’s edition of the Saipan Tribune.

chairman of the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs; Francisco Q. Cruz will head the Executive Appointments and Government

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to make sure we work with the administration of Gov. Inos and Lt. Gov. Torres,” he said.

‘Wish them luck’

For his part, Tebuteb said he’s glad that the impasse on the issue of who would be the next speaker has finally been resolved.

“I wish them luck. I hope that agreement would benefit our people.”

He said he has no hard feeling for losing the speakership, saying that “These are only titles and what’s important is that we all serve our people.”

All 20 members of the House were given the opportunity to speak to their colleagues, family, friends, and guests inside the chamber, as well as those watching the proceedings at home via live streaming.

In general, all representatives thanked the people in their respective precincts and the people of the CNMI for giving their trust in them. They also extended their gratitude and love

Investigations committee; and Steve K. Mesngon (Judiciary, Government and Law) are the other members of the CNMI Senate.

to their loved ones for allowing them to serve the public.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro administered the oath of office for all 20 representatives, while Fr. James Balajadia conducted the opening prayer and benediction at the end. Deleon Guerrero commended the two for staying the course of the almost four-hour organizational session of the 19th House.

Among the dignitaries that attended the House swearing in yesterday were Guam Speaker Judith Wan Pat, Guam Sen. Rory J. Respicio, Guam Superior Court Judge Vernon Perez, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona, CNMI Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, and Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, among others.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos also attended the House inauguration but left midway because he also had to attend to his and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres’ own inauguration at 3pm yesterday at the Governor’s Office parking lot.

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nas for establishing the Youth Congress. The former press secretary is the very first CNMI Youth Congress delegate to be voted to the Legislature.

■ Demapan sat next to Propst in the House chamber. The two used to not see eye to eye on a plethora of issues during the administration of former governor Benigno R. Fitial. They have since smoked the peace pipe and vowed to work together in the 19th House.

■ After three women served in the 18th House of Representatives, only Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro (R-Saipan) was elected in the 19th House.

■ Speaker Deleon Guerrero and Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) had to drastically cut their speeches short as the organizational session was pushing toward 1:30pm. Both asked House clerk Linda B. Muna to just accept their lengthy written statements on the record.

■ Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) also cut his speech short as he seconded Tebuteb’s comment when the former Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair said he could already hear Rep. Anthony Benavente’s (Ind-Saipan) grumbling stomach.

■ Before the organizational session was adjourned, Vice Speaker Demapan made a point of clarification that Speaker Deleon Guerrero will yield the speakership to him on the “second Monday of January 2016 and not the second Monday of January 2015,” which Deleon

Guerrero mistakenly said. This brought a chorus of laughter from the gallery and Deleon thanked Demapan for the clarification “if not he will have to give up the speakership tomorrow.”

■ Near the end of his message, Speaker Deleon Guerrero jokingly told Yumul that he believes he already made a lot of money because of the many representatives crying during their speeches.

■ Rookie Sen. Teresita A. Santos twice addressed Senate President Victor B. Hocog as “Mr. Speaker” which the latter joked that if the legislator from Rota repeats it again he would penalize her. That elicited laughter from all of those present. Santos was a former representative before being elected to the Senate.

■ Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his daughter, Dora, as well as Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his wife, Lady Diane, rode ATVs to the inauguration stage.

■ A high chair was placed behind Inos during his close to 30-minute speech but the governor didn’t use it despite being slowed down by an apparent cold.

■ Torres’ brothers—Vince, Victorino, and Joaquin—became quite emotional when the lieutenant governor spoke about the siblings’ deceased father

■ The lieutenant governor volunteered that until now his mother would scold him if he comes home after 12 midnight.

■ Former representative and KSPN anchor Tina Sablan was one of the attendees of the House inauguration. *(With Jon Perez)*

San Nicolas' priorities are infrastructure, economic dev't



JAYSON CAMACHO

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas is sworn in by Gov. Eloy Inos during the Tinian Mayor's inauguration yesterday morning at the Governor's Office.

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Former attorney general Joey Patrick San Nicolas was sworn in yesterday as Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor and he disclosed that his priorities are infrastructure and economic development on Tinian and the welfare of the people.

"I am very much concerned about the drug problem on Tinian," said San Nicolas in an interview with the media shortly after his swearing in administered by Gov. Eloy S. Inos in the governor's office conference room.

Along with San Nicolas, Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Council members Diana Hocog Borja, Edwin Manglona Hofschneider, and Reynaldo Mendiola Cing also took their oaths of office before Inos.

San Nicolas said when they ran months ago, they promised to move Tinian forward.

The mayor said he himself, along with members of the Municipal Council and the members of the Tinian Delegation and the CNMI leadership, especially the governor and lieutenant governor, are going to work together to move Tinian and the Commonwealth forward.

With respect to Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's problem

with hiring foreign workers, San Nicolas said Tinian Dynasty has its struggles at this time but he is not going to comment on the accusations that Tinian Dynasty has to answer to.

However, the mayor pointed out, the casino industry on Tinian requires the Tinian leadership to support it and also to listen to what their concerns are and in the process come up with solutions so they can drive the casino and the tourism industry on the island.

San Nicolas also stated they are still in the middle of transition as they were not allowed to come in until Jan. 8, 2015.

He said they are still working with the department heads in getting information on the status of the projects and their funds.

"We are still transitioning," the mayor said, adding that once the transition period is completed, the next step for his administration is to figure out how they are going to make the plans for the island a reality.

San Nicolas defeated then-incumbent mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz by a mere seven votes. Dela Cruz brought an election challenge, but during the court-ordered recounting of votes, San Nicolas prevailed by nine votes. The Superior Court subsequently dismissed the election lawsuit.

\$900K to go to PSS' Early Head Start program

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The CNMI Public School System is the sole awardee from the insular area to be included in the \$500 million Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants. These grants are part of President Barack Obama's "Early Learning Initiative," and will be used by PSS to bolster their pre-school program.

According to federal programs officer Tim Thornburg yesterday, the "main grant" amounts to \$917,000. He added that there were two supplemental grants on top of this, with their amounts to be finalized by the end of the week.

The incoming funds will be administered on a rolling basis, with all monies disbursed by the

end of March this year.

Last December, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the first wave of preliminary guarantees for the grant. Guam, American Samoa, and other insular areas did not appear on this list.

According to HHS, the grants "will allow new or existing Early Head Start programs to partner with local child care centers and family child care providers serving infants and toddlers from low-income families."

The grant was competitive, with all 50 states and the five territories of the U.S. reportedly applying for the grant. Earlier, it was reported that PSS was aiming for some \$95,000 under the program, a lot less than the eventual award of \$900,000.

But since then, it was suspected

that the CNMI would receive the full amount for the region, as they may have been the region's sole applicant.

In a statement on Monday, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan called the grant a "validation" for PSS schools and teachers. She was notified of the achievement on Dec. 29.

"[PSS continues] to ensure that optimum services and opportunities are afforded to our public school students, to our parents and this community," she said.

"This award is another validation of our schools, administrators, staff and personnel, and our parents and stakeholders support to ensure that our children receive the utmost educational opportunity while enrolled in our public

schools."

PSS' Early Head Start was developed to serve 80 infants and toddlers, as reported in September. With the grant, the program may "co-locate" and build on the current Head Start capacity, according to Thornburg.

Forty-nine U.S. states, the District of Columbia, the CNMI, and Puerto Rico were named as recipients of the award.

Council of Arts and Culture inviting artists to annual Islands Arts Exhibit

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The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture is inviting local artists to participate in its annual Islands Arts Exhibits.

The event will be held at Kanoa Resort on Jan. 19 and will run until Feb. 13.

"We are inviting all registered and non-registered artists to join and participate," CCAC visual and traditional arts coordinator Fe McMahon said.

"I would like to encourage all registered and non-registered artists to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase and sell your art works. All artworks will be monitored by me for the whole duration of the exhibit. I also encourage the artists to participate by doing some demonstration of how to make their own artworks," McMahon added.

The Island Arts Exhibit will be open from 8am to 5pm,

Monday through Friday.

The exhibit recognizes and promotes the varieties of artworks that our diverse artists in the community have to offer to our people and visitors.

McMahon said the exhibit will also be great place for the community, visitors, and tour-

ists to buy souvenir and gifts for Valentine's Day.

For more information on how to join or become a registered artist, contact or visit McMahon at the Art Council Office on Capital Hill next to the Post Office or call her at 322-9983 or 483-1226.

Public warned of strong winds

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, northeast winds are expected to increase overnight and reach 25 to 35 mph by early Tuesday morning.

A wind advisory remains in effect until 6pm Thursday.

These winds will persist through the day then diminish slightly to 20 to 30 mph

Tuesday night and Wednesday. Gusts may reach 40 mph mainly in showers.

The public is being advised to take precautionary/preparedness actions. Winds this strong can make driving difficult especially for high profile vehicles such as a truck with a shipping container on it.

Use extra caution. Bring small loose items indoors. Take down canopies and awnings that are susceptible to wind damage. **(HSEM)**



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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2015

THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS PAID FOR BY NMHC WITH CPD FUNDS.

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is announcing the availability of an estimated \$1,240,460.00 in Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NMHC anticipates receiving an estimated amount of \$868,915.00 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); \$309,294.00 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and, \$62,251.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year (PY) 2015.

The CDBG funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities to revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. However, use of these funds must meet at least one of the national objectives which include: 1) to benefit low and moderate-income families; 2) to eliminate slum or blight conditions; or 3) to meet other urgent community development needs.

The CDBG program requires a grant recipient to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activity which will cause displacement of person. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulation and applicable local law.

HOME funds may be used to create affordable housing through financing assistance, site acquisition or improvement, and rehabilitating existing residential dwellings as well as providing funds for new construction or purchase of a single family residential dwelling. Use of HOME funds must benefit low-income families.

ESG funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert to buildings into homeless shelters and for shelter operating expenses, supportive services and homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities. Use of ESG funds must benefit the homeless.

Applications for the use of CPD funds are available for pick up at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) located in Garapan, Saipan; San Jose Village, Tinian; and, Songsong Village, Rota, beginning January 06, 2015.

Applications must be submitted to the NMHC Offices in Garapan, Saipan (Saipan Residents); San Jose, Tinian (Tinian Residents); and, Songsong Village, Rota (Rota Residents) by **Friday, March 23, 2015, no later than 4:30 p.m. Applications submitted after March 23, 2015, will not be accepted.**

A briefing will be conducted for interested applicants and for those applicants who have picked up an application for the use of CPD funds. The briefing will address the program requirements and regulations concerning the usage of CPD funds.

The schedules for briefing are as follows: February 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m. & February 25, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

We are encouraging all non-profit, for profit, and government service providers who are providing services to people with disabilities, homeless individuals, and emergency shelter administrators and operators to attend this briefing.

For residents living on the island of Saipan, the briefing will be held at the NMHC Office in Garapan; Residents living on the island of Tinian, the briefing will be held at the NMHC Office in San Jose Village; and Residents living on the island of Rota, the briefing will be held at the NMHC Office in Songsong Village.

Accommodations for disabled individuals or other non-English speaking individuals who wish to attend the briefing are available upon request by giving at least 24 hours notice prior to the meeting so that such needs can be arranged and provided. Additional inquiries, concerning the CPD program, may be directed to Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director or Mr. Jacob Muna, Planning Assistant at 234-6866 or 234-7689.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

Atalig and Aldan take their oaths as mayors



JAYSON CAMACHO

Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig is joined by his family during his swearing in at the Governor's Office.



JAYSON CAMACHO

Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan takes his oath of office during the inauguration ceremony at the Governor's Office yesterday. Joining Aldan are his family members.

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Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig and Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan took their oaths of office yesterday morning at the Governor's Office and was sworn in by Gov. Eloy S. Inos, becoming the

new mayors of their respective municipalities.

Atalig, dressed in white long-sleeved button-down shirt and a slim black tie, took his oath in the presence of his family members.

Aldan, on the other hand, was draped in cultural accessories including a *mwari mwari*,

beaded necklaces, and a tea leaves lei, over a suit with a light blue button-down shirt.

After his swearing in, Atalig said he will seek to increase the salaries of municipal employees. It was earlier reported that salaries for government employees on Rota haven't changed since 1995.

Atalig also wants to create an alternative means of transporting goods to and from Rota and a vocational school to help train the island's residents.

Aldan said he is thankful to the people of the Northern Islands for believing in him and voting for him.

"The first work of order is to try to get the people their lands. That is what I will be working, both agricultural and village homesteads," Aldan said.

Other than that, Aldan said he plans to look at some economic activities that have been planned for the Northern Islands since his father's time.

"There is a lot of work ahead of us including the military, which is still looking at Pagan," he said.

According to Aldan, the military meeting on Pagan is set for today, Jan. 13, at 3:30pm at the Governor's Office where a news briefing will be held shortly afterwards.

CNMI welcomes 9 new municipal council members

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Aside from the new mayors being sworn in, new members of the municipal councils for Rota, Tinian, Saipan and the Northern Islands also took their oaths yesterday, becoming the newest council members on all three senatorial districts.

New municipal council members for Saipan and the Northern Islands were sworn in at the Kiosk Garden in Chalan Kanoa around 9am. The Saipan Municipal Council's newest members are Lareina C. Camacho, Alice S. Igitol, and Antonia M. Tudela.

The new council members for Tinian and Aguiguan include Diana H. Borja, Edwin M. Hofschneider, and Reynaldo M. Cing. All three were sworn into office by Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas.

Cing said they had discussed with outgoing Tinian mayor Ramon Dela Cruz the many problems that need to be addressed on Tinian and that they will work closely with San Nicolas in resolving these issues.

The new council members for Rota included Ivan Mereb Jr., George O. Hocog, and Roman M. Calvo, who were sworn into office after incoming Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig took his oath.

Hocog, the elected chairman for the council, has high hopes for the future.

"We hope to work with the leaders of Rota and the leaders of the CNMI to give our people in Rota a better living, especially since we are experiencing so many hardships, most specifically economic. There hasn't been any boats coming into Rota and [stores] have low supplies," Hocog said.

Hocog also said that Rota's West Harbor will be worked on in the near future for a solution. He didn't set any specific timeframe for this but vowed to work with all CNMI leaders.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The swearing in of the new Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council took place yesterday morning at the Kiosk Garden in Chalan Kanoa. The new municipal council members are, from left to right, Antonia M. Tudela, Alice S. Igitol, and Lareina C. Camacho.



JAYSON CAMACHO

The new Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Council members are sworn in by Gov. Eloy S. Inos. From left to right, front row: Edwin M. Hofschneider, Diana H. Borja, and Reynaldo M. Cing along with family members.



JAYSON CAMACHO

Rota's new municipal council members are sworn in at the Governor's Office yesterday. From left to right: Ivan Mereb Jr., George O. Hocog, and Roman M. Calvo.

Apatang is sworn in as the new mayor of Saipan

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David M. Apatang took his oath of office at 8:10am yesterday, with CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona swearing in Apatang as the new mayor of Saipan.

Dressed in a navy blue suit with a light blue-buttoned shirt and a neutral gray diamonded-patterned tie, Apatang took his oath in front of his new office on Beach Road, San Jose, promising to take his responsibilities and duties as mayor of Saipan seriously.

In a speech that lasted from 8:15am to 9:20am in front of dozens of community members, dignitaries, Mayor's Office staff, and lawmakers, Apatang said he can't wait to get started on all the work that needs to be done.

"Today I stand before you—family, friends, and fellow people of Saipan—and I will admit there is no word that can accurately describe the feeling of humility, gratitude, and excitement that I am experiencing at this moment," Apatang said.

"I am truly humbled and grateful for the trust and confidence that you have bestowed



JAYSON CAMACHO
CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona swears in Saipan Mayor Dave Apatang in front of the Mayor's Office at the Ladera Building on Beach Road, San Jose during yesterday's inauguration for the new Saipan mayor.

on me to address the many challenges facing our island. Although I do recognize that this office has made many strides over the years, there are still a lot of work ahead of us and I am

excited and committed to begin working with you," he added.

Apatang wishes to build a cleaner, safer, and a better Saipan community.

"This is our community,

our island, our home; therefore, we all should actively get involved in keeping Saipan safe," Apatang said.

Apatang believes that everyone should work toward build-

ing a sustainable community that promotes business, growth, and development, yet protect the environment and preserve the cultural identity of Saipan.

"As one island, as one people,

you must all subscribe to a culture that is dedicated to volunteerism and collaboration. I am confident that we will forge strong community partnerships in managing our resources and optimizing the talent and skills of those stakeholders," Apatang said.

"I would like to thank Mayor Marian Tudela and the late Mayor Donald Flores for their selfless dedication and contribution and service to the Office of the Mayor and vow to continue to honor their legacies by ensuring continued effective, efficient, and essential responsibility for public services," he added.

He also assured that the Mayor's Office would remain steadfast and committed to fulfilling the office's constitutional and statutory mandates by complementing and not duplicating similar services provided by other government agencies that share a common vision and mission.

Committee-to-elect Apatang vice chair James Cabrera said that he was the former chairman for Flores. "We will continue to build on Flores' plan for beautification. ... I have confidence in Apatang to do that," he said.

Maratita bids emotional farewell to BOE, as Guerrero, Hofschneider are sworn in

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The 13th CNMI State Board of Education concluded yesterday and the 14th BOE began. Herman T. Guerrero was elected board chairman; outgoing member Lucy Blanco-Maratita bid a tearful farewell, and Guerrero and incomer Florine M. Hofschneider were sworn in as board members after winning in last year's November elections.

The inaugural event awarded

Guerrero and Maratita with an Education Service Award for their lengthy commitment as board members.

An emotional Maratita, the board member from Tinian, took to the podium during her special remarks.

"I said I wasn't going to become this emotional. But seeing everybody up here, and seeing my PSS family and BOE family, has really made me real-

ize how important it is to have camaraderie, to have a good and great leadership," she said.

She recalled the late education commissioner Dr. Rita Inos, who passed away a several months into Maratita's first year as board member. She remembered how hurt she was then, as she really looked up to Inos.

But she added that, "What's interesting is people come for-

» **Guerrero elected chairman of the board once again**



DENNIS B. CHAN

Florine M. Hofschneider and Herman T. Guerrero are sworn into the 14th CNMI State Board of Education. Public School System associate commissioner Yvonne Pangelinan assists.

ward. People become stronger with these challenges."

The board and Public School System heard "rumblings in the crowd" as they moved to get the system more standardized in the past, she said. But she added that leadership is what "pulls things together."

She commended Guerrero for his "institutional knowledge," and joked that, "If you look around his toes, you might find cobwebs there."

She recognized board member Denise King, who, with her, shared the important task of continuing to make sure the "unique needs" of the islands of Rota and Tinian were met.

She commended board mem-

ber Mary Lou Ada for her financial perspective, and "always asking the great questions," as well as member Janice Tenorio, whom she felt had a "pulse on the community."

To the incoming Hofschneider, she said, "I welcome you. You are going to be a great asset to the Board of Education and PSS."

After Maratita's remarks, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro led the swearing in of Hofschneider and Guerrero. The 14th BOE inaugural meeting and its election of officers commenced after.

Guerrero was nominated and voted in by his fellow board members as chairman of the board. He previously held the

position of chair.

Tenorio nominated Ada for vice chair, the motion was seconded, and Ada was subsequently elected to the position.

Ada, in turn, nominated Tenorio for the position of secretary/treasurer, who was subsequently nominated and elected to the position.

Kagman High School's Ayuyu Battalion Color Guard led the posting and retirement of colors during the event. Marianas High School's Glee Club sang the CNMI and National anthems.

Yvonne Pangelinan and Derwin Johnson were mistress and master of ceremony, respectively.



DENNIS B. CHAN

CNMI's top education officials pose for a photo. From right to left are Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, board members Herman Guerrero, Mary Lou Ada, Janice Tenorio, Denise Tanya King, Florine Hofschneider, and outgoing member Lucy Blanco-Maratita.

Weather advisories for Guam and CNMI

Individuals working or playing in or around the waters of Guam

and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands are reminded to

use extreme caution over the next few days due to the high surf and

winds that are being experienced around the islands.

The National Weather Service has issued a High Surf Advisory for both Marianas and Micronesia. Hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet is forecasted for the next several days. A Wind

Advisory has been issued due to winds building between 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 40 mph. These weather conditions could make for hazardous situations in and along the waters of Guam and CNMI. The public is strongly advised to continue to monitor

National Weather Service weather advisories for updates.

The previously mentioned advisories may be found on the National Weather Service Forecast Office Tiyan, Guam at <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/>. **(USCG)**

PSS high school hospitality certification course enrollment now open

The CNMI Public School System and the Latte Training Academy are currently registering interested PSS high school juniors and seniors into the spring "START" (Skills, Takes and Results Training) hospitality certification course from the American Hotel and Lodging Education Institute. Students completing the course receive globally recognized certifications that they can use to assist them in securing employment in the hospitality industry.

The hospitality classes are delivered over the course of the normal school semester, held on each of the Saipan high school campuses and taught by experienced instructors. The program involves nine hours of classroom instruction with outside reading per week. Students also have the opportunity to participate in a job shadowing component, which provides students with hands-on experience in different hotel departments at vari-

ous hotel/resort establishments on the island.

To date, Latte Training Academy students have collectively shadowed for approximately 420 hours at number of partner hotels. This program also helps students with their resume writing, interview skills and job search.

"We are happy to report that students taking last year's spring course are employed here on Saipan at the Hyatt Regency, Mariana Resort and Spa and Pacific Island Club, as well as the Outrigger Hotel and Palm Ridge Hotels in Guam," says Arielle Buyum, president of Latte Training Academy. "We are looking forward to seeing more of our students get employed in the industry when our fall class graduates later this month. Students who make the commitment and sacrifice to earn this certificate are just the type of potential employees our hotels are looking

to interview and hire."

Representatives from the Latte Training Academy will be visiting all three Saipan high schools between Jan. 12 and 21 to provide students with more information. However interested students are encouraged to visit the organization's website at www.lattetrainingacademy.com to learn more and register for the spring session. There are only 25 slots per high available, so interested students should sign up soon. Registration deadline is Jan. 22. **(LTA)**

JKPL extending deadline registration for ukulele classes

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library will be hosting ukulele classes and has extended its registration deadline to Jan. 27, according to JKPL Children Library associate Erlinda Naputi.

Ukulele instructor Larry Lee will be conducting the classes that will begin on Jan. 27 every Tuesday from 4pm to 5pm. Classes cost \$50.

"Lee's class was set to begin Jan. 13, but JKPL pushed it back to Jan. 27," Naputi said.

The intermediate class is for students who passed Lee's beginners class or students who have basic ukulele skills and would like to advance their knowledge.

Minimum age requirement is 8 years and older but adults

are welcome too. Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets. Parents must also sign a liability waiver form and must respect the library rules as well.

For more information on the ukulele class, visit JKPL in Supe or call 235-7316 or 235-7322/23. **(Jayson Camacho)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Spearfishing prohibited on Naval Base Guam

SANTA RITA, Guam—Spearfishing on Naval Base Guam and its surrounding waters is prohibited. Due to the risks and dangers of spearfishing to other aquatic activities it has been prohibited in all areas of NBG. Additionally, there are other laws fisherman should be aware on Guam, as well as endangered species of fish on the coastal waters. Permitted fishing techniques in designated areas only include hook-and-line fishing from shoreline or boat, and cast netting from shorelines. Fishing on NBG is authorized in vicinity of Clipper Cove and the outer portions of Apra Harbor, not to include Gab Gab or San Luis Beaches. **(PR)**

Friends of the Arts presents *I'm not Rappaport*

This next weekend, Jan. 16, 17, and 18, the Friends of the Arts will be presenting the second program of its 2015 season, *I'm not Rappaport*, directed by Har-

old Easton and produced by Susan Fishman-Tudor. The performances on Jan. 16 and 17 will start at 7pm. The Sunday, Jan. 18, program will be a matinee beginning at 3pm. All three shows will be performed at the Marianas High School's Dolphin Theatre.

Tickets will be sold at the door. The entrance fee will be \$5 for all student Thespian members, \$8 for students up through college, \$12 for FOA members and \$15 for non-FOA members. Season tickets (for this and the next two show) are still available at \$30 for FOA members by contacting me at flgibson@yahoo.com or by calling 287-7476. **(PR)**

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, Jan. 13, from 5am to noon and 2pm to 5:30pm. The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are

advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. **(PR)**

Free workshop on applying for ANA grant

Applying for an Administration for Native Americans grant this year? Come to a free two-day workshop on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 15 and 16, at the NMC campuses. On Saipan, the workshop will be conducted in Room N-5, and on Rota and Tinian, it will be conducted at the VTC conference room. The workshop will start at 8:30am and will end at 4:30pm, with lunch break in between. In this training session, participants will learn how to build a strong grant application, go over ANA's grant scoring criteria, and review submission requirements. You may register online at www.anapacificbasin.org, or come as a walk-in on Jan. 15. For more information, you may

call 484-4441. **(PR)**

PTSA meeting at Oleai school

The PTSA officers of the Oleai Elementary School would like to inform parents and guardians of OES students that we will be having our PTSA meeting today, Jan. 13, 2014, starting at 6pm in the school cafeteria. We encourage our parents and guardians to attend this important meeting. **(PR)**

Chamber Installation Dinner on Jan. 24

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have no general membership meeting this month. Instead it will celebrate with its Installation Dinner on Jan. 24 at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. The Chamber will welcome its newest board members and will announce its 2014 Business Person of the Year. A silent auction will offer fabulous prizes! Tickets are \$50/person, and tables of eight persons are available. **(SCC)**

Youth orchestra event at AMP tomorrow

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The Yeosu Gifted Youth Orchestra will perform with the Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band at the American Memorial Park at 5pm tomorrow afternoon.

Yeosu orchestra conductors are Du-Sup Park and S Du-Sup Park and Sung Wan Kang. The Yeosu orchestra leader is Kyung Sup Shim. William Dewitt is conductor for Manta Ray Band.

The Korean Association of Saipan coordinates the event.

According to association director Youn Suk Chang, the public

is welcome to join for free, with donations welcomed as well.

Funds raised will go to the Public School System and the Manta Ray Band's trip to Los Angeles.

The Yeosu group will attend some classes at PSS high schools and will also visit the Department of Public Safety during their stay.

The two musical groups will execute a memorandum of understanding to establish a sisterhood relationship, according to the association.

PSS, *Saipan Times*, Asiana Airlines and JP Entertainment are sponsors of the event.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

January 13, 2012

Ex-CRM official placed in custody for hospitalization

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter yesterday issued an order placing former Coastal Resources Management official Benny K. Pangelinan in the custody of the U.S. Attorney General for hospitalization. Carter had found Pangelinan in violation of two conditions of his probation, but at the same time the judge determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that the defendant is presently suffering from a mental disease or defect. Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe and defense counsel

Steven Pixley agreed that neither an examination and report nor a hearing is needed regarding Pangelinan's mental state.

US ringleader of ID theft admits guilt

The leader of an identity theft and fraud ring run by Korean immigrants has pleaded guilty in a scheme that federal authorities said operated as a veritable "crime superstore" that reached from northern New Jersey to U.S. territories in the Pacific. Sang-Hyun "Jimmy" Park admitted in federal court in Newark on Monday that he had helped people fraudulently obtain credit cards, bank accounts and loans using illegally obtained Social Security numbers in a scheme that federal authori-

ties say defrauded various credit card companies, banks and lenders out of about \$4 million. Fifty-three other people—most of them, like Park, Korean immigrants living in New Jersey or New York—were charged in September 2010.

January 13, 2009

Sablan says four-day workweek not a solution

Surprised to learn about the four-day workweek being proposed for the Legislature, Rep. Tina Sablan said she is totally against it because it won't work at all. Sablan was one of the guests at yesterday's session of the Rotary Club at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. "Obviously the entire government should be looking at ways to cut costs, and the governor has for months now been calling for the revival of austerity Fridays, or the four-day workweek that has been put on the table," Sablan said.

She said members of the House have objected to it. "We tried it before it was never fairly implemented and there were always exceptions. What we have to resort to instead is to make cuts," Sablan said.

Joyner lauded for participating in military buildup discussions

The assistant secretary of the Navy has commended Coastal Resources Management director John Joyner for his support in discussions related to the military buildup in the CNMI and Guam. "For outstanding ongoing support and dedication to the partnership between the Department of Defense (DoD), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Resources Management, and other federal and local environmental regulatory agencies," the letter of appreciation states. "Dr. Joyner has served as the primary point of contact for DoD in working with both regulatory

agencies and leaders throughout the CNMI and has provided countless hours of support to environmental planning efforts in the region."

January 13, 2007

Japan arrivals down, other markets up

Japan arrivals to the CNMI continued to decline, posting an 18-percent drop in December. From 24,047 Japanese arrivals in December 2005, the number went down to 19,789 last month. However, all other key markets—South Korea, China, and Russia—showed growth in December. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, South Korea showed a 9-percent increase over the same period last year while China showed a 28-percent increase. Russian arrivals rose by 7 percent. The Philippines also registered a 48-percent increase during the Christmas season. MVA data showed that Korean arriv-

als totaled 8,102 last month, up from last year's 7,402. China went up from 3,095 to 3,976 last month, while Russia grew from 235 to 252.

Holiday, process delay junk cars' collection

The delay in the collection of junk cars on Saipan and the establishment of a junk cars depot in Lower Base is due to the extended holiday season and some legal paperwork that need to be done. During a meeting of the environmental campaign group Beautify CNMI! on Thursday, committee officer Steve Hiney assured there is no bottleneck in the project. "There is just paperwork that needs to be accomplished to finalize the junk cars depot in Lower Base on Saipan, he said. Recycling Committee chair Tina Sablan said the junk cars depot has been identified since last year. She said the site is going to be at the old Hawaiian Quarry in Lower Base.

Philippine consulate to hold mobile outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, will conduct mobile consular services on Saipan from Jan. 20 to 24 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. All of those interested in availing of consular services are advised to prepare the following requirements:

A. FOR PASSPORT RENEWALS

■ Due to the capacity limits of our passport processing equipment, we can only process up to 600 applications over the five-day mission;

■ Please note that only the 600 applicants who had pre-registered during the last consular mission in November 2014 will be processed during this mission;

■ The 600 applicants in the official list are each assigned a specific date and time slot;

■ Make sure that you appear during your scheduled processing time, otherwise you may have to wait until a slot opens up;

■ Those who have to renew their passports and who are not on the official list of 600 applicants to be processed for this mission can still come to pre-register and submit the necessary requirements;

■ Those who pre-register during this January mission will have their applications processed during the next consular mission;

■ Per Department of Foreign Affairs guidelines, the Consular Team cannot extend expired passports unless the holder will be simultaneously processed for renewal;

■ The Consulate General is well aware of the issues faced by our nationals who cannot renew their passports and we are working on solutions to alleviate their situation;

■ The official list of those who have appointment will be announced on Jan. 16, 2015;

■ Requirements for renewal of GREEN Philippine passport:

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form

2. Photocopy of data page of passport

3. Original passport

4. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

■ Requirements for renewal of BROWN/MAROON Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form

2. Photocopy of data page of passport

3. Photocopy of birth certificate

4. Original passport

5. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

■ Requirements for LOST Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form

2. Photocopy of data page of passport (if available)

3. Photocopy of birth certificate

4. Police Report

5. Notarized Affidavit of Loss (\$25)

6. Original passport

7. Payment of Lost Passport Fee: \$90 (Green/Maroon) or \$150 (ePassport)

B. REGISTRATION FOR OVERSEAS VOTING FOR THE MAY 9, 2016 PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS

All citizens of the Philippines who are abroad, at least 18 years of age on the day of the elections (May 9, 2016), and who are registered overseas voters, may vote for President,

Vice President, Senators and Party-List Representatives.

Personal appearance is necessary as the voter registration process requires the intake of a person's biometric data. Applicants should present proof of Philippine citizenship, such as a valid Philippine passport or NSO-issued certificate of birth.

C. FOR CIVIL REGISTRY AND NOTARIAL SERVICES

All applications for civil registry and notarial services will be processed on a first come-first served basis. Applicants are advised to prepare the originals and copies of the required documents as indicated below:

■ Report of Birth (\$25)

1. Original Birth Certificate + five copies

2. If applicable, Original Marriage Certificate of Parents + five copies

3. Valid Passport of Parents + five (copies; If Passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies

4. US Naturalization Certificate of Parent + five copies, if parent is already a US Citizen at the time of application

5. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth (\$25), if filed more than one month from birth of child

6. For Illegitimate children using surname of father, Affidavit to Use Surname of Father (\$25)

7. Duly accomplished ROB Form, signed in front of consular officer

■ Report of Marriage (\$25)

1. Original Marriage Certificate + five copies

2. Original Birth Certificate of Filipino spouse + five copies

3. Valid Passports of both parties + five copies each; if passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies

4. 2x2 photo (white background) of each of the spouses

5. For parties with previous marriage/s:

a. For US citizens, Final Decree of Divorce + five copies

b. For Filipino citizens, Annotated Marriage Certificate from NSO showing details of Annulment + five copies OR Judgment of Philippine Court Recognizing Final Decree of Divorce issued by a foreign court

c. For widows/widower, Death Certificate of deceased spouse

6. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Marriage (\$25), if filed more than one month from celebration of marriage

7. For those whose spouses are non-Filipinos, duly accomplished CFO form

8. Duly accomplished ROM Form signed in front of consular officer

■ Report of Death (\$25)

1. Original Death Certificate + copies

2. Duly accomplished ROD Form

■ Acknowledgements (SPA, General Power of Attorney, Contracts), Jurat (Affidavits)

1. Valid Passport or government issued ID (i.e., driver's license) of signatory + copy

2. Must sign document in front of consular officer

3. Payment of Fee \$25

■ For NBI Clearance Application (\$25)

1. Completely accomplished NBI Form (to be provided by the Philippine Consulate Team). Said form must be brought to the local Police Station for fingerprinting. Applicants must ensure

that the police officer taking the fingerprints must sign in the "Impressions Taken By" field.

2. One 2x2 photo (to be pasted on the form)

3. Original Valid Passport and two (2) copies (Data and Signature Page of the passport)

■ Authentication/Verification of Employment Contracts

1. Job Order

Attachments: USCIS Approval

Company License

Passport of Signatory (Employer)

2. Special Power of Attorney

Attachments: Company License

Passport of Signatory (Employer)

3. Recruitment Agreement

Attachments: Company License

Passport of Signatory (Employer)

4. Individual or Group Employment Contract

Attachments: Company License

Passport of Signatory (Employer)

Please note that all applicants for the above services will be required to photocopy the signed documents after processing.

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WISH SPONSORS

Make A Wish Foundation beneficiary Reana Marie Mettao Camacho, 4, is joined by her parents, Kaylana and Norton, and T Galleria officials and employees on Friday. T Galleria is sponsoring Camacho's trip to Disneyland, California. T Galleria successfully raised about \$2,500 on both Saipan and Guam for Camacho's wish to be granted.

DENNIS B. CHAN

Versatile literacy program finds a home at SIS

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

The Saipan International School has found the "Achieve 3000"—a literacy-building and differentiated instruction program—to be a success in the classroom since they began using it this year.

Data provided to Saipan Tribune shows exceptional lexile, or reading levels, among SIS students. Achieve comes on top of another reading program called Accelerated Reader, which students have used to spur reading proficiency at SIS over the last six years.

Achieve is different from the AR program in that it develops independent reading and synthesizing skills for nonfiction material, like newspaper or science articles. The AR program focuses mostly on fiction, like Harry Potter books.

Mount Carmel School was reported to take on Achieve this year as well.

SIS headmaster Tim Bray said through the help of the Public School System, they have access to programs "that we wouldn't have been able to afford."

Achieve 3000 is one of these programs. According to Bray, SIS acts like an "incubator" for this program, which is relatively new to the island. The program aims to achieve the often-preached Common Core

standards of "College and Career Readiness."

At SIS, 22 students have met or exceeded their grade lexile ranges. Five of these students have levels at senior or past high school levels. Two of these top students turn out to be freshmen in high school and a seventh grader.

Freshmen Noa Bunts-Andersen, for one, has a lexile level of 1590L, while the range for senior readers is at 1215L to 1355L. She began the year at 1425L.

The seventh grader has a lexile score of 1575L, from a score of 1250L earlier in the year.

Middle school teacher Mackenzie Hemple and elementary teacher Amie McRoberts believe that students find it exciting because "they can go to it themselves."

"The articles are at a level that they can read," McRoberts said. "A lot of ESL kids look at a science textbook and can't read it at all. But because [Achieve] puts the article at their level, they are getting the same information as everybody else in class, but it's coming to them at their level."

The program continues the growth in depth of content. Hemple said they have read topics from population growth in China, to geothermal and plate tectonics, to culture in Pacific islands.

"You can see each month their

levels going up and it's extremely fascinating," said Hemple. "The kids love to see it."

She said students are constantly going to the backwall where their point gains are posted up, to see how far they've gotten. Hemple does not post their lexile levels.

She said students have taken to certain topics and read up on them later, and notices growth in their comments and analysis. Hemple has one class devoted a week to Achieve.

Noa Bunts-Andersen feels her "critical thinking" skills growing with the work she has done through the program.

"I like the stories that we use because they are real life stories and they are constantly new and updated to what's actually going on [in the world]. And unlike most tests that we take, it actually changes to match your level," she said.

Another top Achieve student, Emily Frink, described the AR program, as "about the book" but for Achieve it is "understanding what the article is talking about."

"I think in English class, in general, you have been doing this your whole life, so when you get to Achieve 3000 it's just combining it all together," Frink said.

According to Bray, there has been a big move with the Common Core, for college and career readiness, because of this;

Achieve's lexile system was based solely on nonfiction reading material.

"What's the thing you read most of in college? Unless you're a literature major, you spend most of the time reading nonfiction," Bray, adding that this is the same for the workplace.

"The whole program itself is based on asking a question ahead of time. And then learning how to summarize, learning how to paraphrase...key skills in regards to reading. And then asking some basic comprehension questions, with these questions getting more sophisticated as students get better at their reading level," he said.

The whole idea of the program is for students to go to college or the workplace with the reading skills to be successful in the areas, he said.

The program can automatically generate two articles every week, with assignments and activities for these articles. But a teacher can also go in and build a lesson plan around an article, Bray said, making it a versatile "bonus" to teachers with limited time.

"Elementary teachers don't usually have a lot of prep periods—they are spending their time with students—so it's tough to have extra time to read through 20 articles to find the article that works. Instead [with Achieve] you can get an article and automatically jump into a lesson."

Opinion

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What does the West do now?

With last week's vengeful attack, add one more entry--in French--to a terror timeline scripted in blood. For two decades these militant Islamist assaults on liberal Western lands and their freedoms have raged: The Paris subway bombing of 1995. The conscription of U.S. airliners as jet fuel missiles in 2001. The Madrid train bombings and the murder of a Dutch filmmaker in 2004. The London transit bombings in 2005. The Molotov cocktail immolation of Paris magazine Charlie Hebdo's office in 2011. The slaughter of Jews and French soldiers at Toulouse in 2012. And the trio of murderous assaults in 2014--at the Jewish Museum in Brussels, at Canada's Parliament in Ottawa and most recently a 16-hour siege at a cafe in Sydney. These are only the major onslaughts; the list of less lethal incidents, and of plots blessedly thwarted by national and local anti-terror squads, would fill a Tribune printed page.

The assailants are a maniacal minority, working alone or in small cells. But their diligent war on the West is indisputable--and arguably intensifying. Militant Islamists' assaults against schoolchildren in Pakistan or village girls in Nigeria similarly horrify us, yes, but our distance and disconnectedness from those nations leaves us blissfully unable to respond. How, though, should those of us who live in liberal democracies of Europe, North America and parts of Asia and Africa react when the militants deliver to our vulnerable midst their campaigns of deadly, and deadening, intent: The terrorists want not only to kill those with whom they violently disagree, but to bleed lifeless the irreverent ideas and individual liberties they find so threatening.

In the hours after Wednesday's attack on Charlie Hebdo, we wrote of the overarching imperative: Free populaces cannot appease their attackers, cannot surrender the free expression that--sometimes crudely--distinguishes and enlivens them.

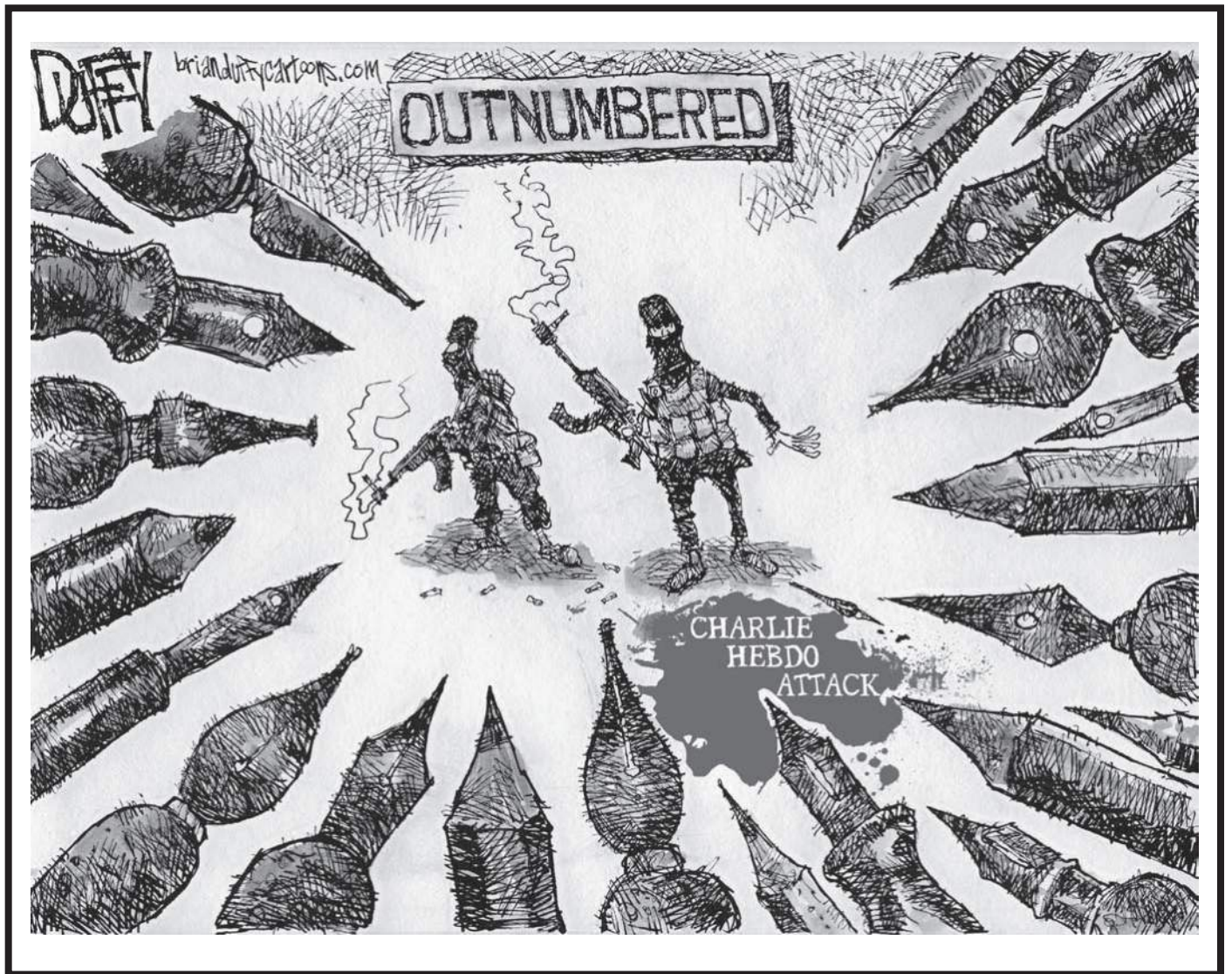
Today we write about what ought to come next:

■ First, acceptance of these attacks as a lengthy campaign. Andrew Parker, chief of Britain's MI5 Security Service, punctuated this point Thursday, warning that al-Qaida militants in Syria are planning to cause mass casualties in the West, perhaps by attacking transit systems and "iconic targets." Parker said an attack in the United Kingdom is highly likely. We understand that many Americans, wary of overseas commitments, want the world to go away. It won't.

■ Many of these attacks are creative. So should be our intelligence-gathering response. We don't know with certainty what French authorities knew about the suspects in the Charlie Hebdo massacre--only that, within hours, French law enforcement was confident that it knew their identities. That news, bulwarked Thursday by reports that one suspect had trained with al-Qaida in Yemen, suggests that Western intel agencies continue to make inroads on jihadist networks. More of this, please. We won't shrink from the inevitable debate about national security and civil liberties. As we've often written, strong surveillance and interrogation are lesser intrusions than the calls for draconian restrictions on groups, and on civil liberties, that would follow another major attack in the U.S.

■ We have to assume that Islamic State radicals in the Middle East are, at minimum, inspiring the current wave of incidents in Europe. Bloomberg News reports that, in mid-November, French members of Islamic State issued an eight-minute video urging Muslims to conduct terror attacks on French soil: "If you are unable to come to Syria or Iraq, then pledge allegiance in

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Let's play language

Four Chinese entrepreneurs, the eldest of whom is no more than 24, are toying with me in a language studio that aims to do exactly what our playful slogan advertises, that is, to play language.

The title of the outfit already playfully takes the resilience and sturdiness of a small creature called tardigrades, aka "waterbears" and "moss piglets." "Ugly or cuddly" (a matter of preference) looking tiny living things, they survive radiation in outer skies and cold temperatures of trenches like that of the Marianas.

In Chinese, the Hanzi is pronounced as "wo te bier" with the sound derived from, you got it, waterbear. The formal name of the outfit is Waterbear Language Studio where students (in academe and business alike) are cajoled to come and play language, frolic in the vast fields of their brains.

Wait a minute, you say. There is something out of the ordinary in the use of words here.

Sure. But when an umpire hollers, "Let's play ball," as he (yes, Betsy, it's still a male's game) does in baseball, it means the game begins. When an artist fingers a keyboard and starts hammering a calibrated set of strung strings, a musician is "playing" the piano. The "playroom" for children is a place where they are encouraged to create and innovate.

Waterbear Language Studio aims to do the same in inviting folks to come and "play language," an offer to encourage the language creating and innovating part of the brain in four forms: writing, reading, listening, and speaking. Now, the choice of the critters' name might be stretching the rationale a bit, but it works for the audience and t'aint that bad on me, either!

Besides, way more than two scores ahead of their time, in a culture that still honors the elderly and looks up to anyone with a tenuous relation to academe, my advice commands a captive audience. So there you have it; I am back to helping define the parameters of an enterprise, how it manages and operates, develops and does research. And you thought I was quietly retired!

As befitting any modern business concern and following the four categories of "DOING" (action) in my four columns of knowing (sensation, emotion, cognition, and action), we have structured the group as a non-hierarchical operation.

Staff meetings focus on what assigned roles are played (presently, a general manager, marketing, finance, office operation, and pedagogues) and what the specific functions, or DOs, each role entails. No one worries about organizational "face" since "faking it" is not necessary. Meetings are around the table before a magnetic whiteboard, and either I as the oldest, or the one playing GM, facilitate meetings. The focus is on the "real" rather than on "pretend." I "pedagogue" to broaden the function beyond the Confucian image of the expert pouring gems of wisdom on the flipped-open brains

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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of students, duly certified when they return the same "wisdom" in standardized tests.

We are in between academic sessions in this university town and attending third year students from out of the region look for part-time jobs, and take evening courses generally to help them pass standard government tests, improve on their speaking skills--in this case, oral englishChE, aka, ChEnglish! The last two terms are my ad words promoting learning sessions. The CH highlights a language with "Chinese (CH) characteristics," a phrase Beijing uses to promote, i.e., "socialism with Chinese characteristics"!

Our class admonition to leave "face" outside the door, and just be one's self around the table regardless of how one talks ("come one, come all" and "first come, first served", are acceptable English phrases; definitely of "Chinese" characteristics), the permission-giving ambience appeals to many who usually refuse to speak because of fear of being judged "wrong", or worst, laughed at, thus "shy or shamed" for loss of "face."

As a rule of thumb, Euro-Anglos tend to focus on time, clarity on "what" and precision on "when," like schedules (English in India made sure the train ran on time) while Asians in general identify with place and location, and what role to play, "where and who." Thus, half of university students sit at the back being "nobody" and the rest, in some level of being "somebody" toward the front. Where one sat determined what station one claimed in the scheme of things.

Class architecture of assigned seats around a center table converted hierarchy to flat operations. "Image determines behavior," K. Boulding opined; changed image invites changed behavior!

We see ourselves as Language Studio artists, creating and innovating on images: sensual, emotive, cognitive, and willed.

In my computer dictionary, there are seven categories of the word "play" as a verb, five as a noun, 39 as part of a phrase, 17 as phrasal verb, with two noun and adjective derivatives, with the word's origin in Old English as pleg(i)an 'to exercise' plega 'brisk movement', related to Middle Dutch pleien 'leap for joy, dance'.

Wanna play?

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How to treat a rising China?

By PEARL YOUNG
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Chinese has a saying: One mountain cannot sustain two tigers (The Chinese consider the tiger as the king of the forest). From the economic point of view, the United States of America, as the largest economic entity, is the king of the world. However, it seems the king is facing a strong competitor from a rising China, the total GDP of which is likely to surpass it in the near future as some experts had predicted. Although some people might question if China has the ability to threaten the status of the U.S., it does raise public interests of how the U.S. would treat a rising China.

Turns out it is also a national concern for both countries. In the 25th session of U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and

Trade held in Chicago on Dec. 17, Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang urged "the United States to show 'strategic foresight' in the way it treats China, and pursue cooperation rather than confrontation for the benefits of both countries."

The Vice Premier said a growing China poses no threat to America's leading role because China does not have "the intention nor the capacity" to do so due to the fact that "China's economic aggregate is just 55 percent of that of the U.S., and the per capita GDP is merely one eighth of the U.S. level."

Nevertheless, China's economic aggregate continuously expands and it has reached the second place in the world's economic area. The Vice Premier suggested that both countries should therefore "share the strategic consensus of strengthening cooperation for a win-win end."

U.S. President Obama agreed that both countries should take the "bilateral, regional and global cooperation to a new level," as he

stated at the Asia Pacific Economic Conference in Beijing this November after signing a landmark cooperation deal.

The New York Times also published an article titled "Work With China, Don't Contain It" to express the importance of building a cooperative relationship between the two countries.

No doubt that the relationship between a rising power and the established power is very complicated. The good news is, at this moment, it seems the two countries have come to an agreement of working together for bilateral prosperity, which is going to benefit the CNMI due to the geographical situation of being so close to China and the special political status of being a part of the U.S. With such advantages, it is just a matter of whether the CNMI is willing to seize the opportunity to improve its economy as well as its people's lives.

Pearl Yang is the assistant editor of Island Traveler.

Nigerian girls? Still missing

Eight months is a long time. Long enough for international outrage to rise, fall and fade away. That's how long it's been since Boko Haram militants stormed a secondary school in the northeastern village of Chibok in Nigeria, abducting more than 200 still-missing teenage girls.

A global Twitter campaign--#BringBackOurGirls--caught fire with the help of First Lady Michelle Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, British Prime Minister David Cameron and, most important, millions of global hashtag activists.

But since then we have felt tremors as Russia annexed Crimea, as Islamic State gained ground and as Ebola did its deadly work in West Africa. All of this turned the attention of world leaders, citizens and the media away from the 219 abducted Nigerian girls.

Meanwhile, international efforts to recover the girls failed, including several rounds of negotiations to exchange the girls for Boko Haram fighters held in Nigerian jails.

Boko Haram only upped the ante in pursuit of its goal of establishing a fundamentalist Islamic state in northeastern Nigeria and eliminating Western influence in its schools. The militants, declared a terrorist group by the U.S. in 2013, continued to attack Nigerian villagers, killing some and abducting others. The *New York Times* reported a month ago that Boko Haram "was able to strike at will" in northeastern Nigeria.

I know from experience how difficult it is to stop such aggression. In 1985, at age 16, I was abducted into war by rebels from remnants

of the Uganda National Liberation Army. I eventually escaped and reclaimed my life. Years later, my younger brother Godfrey was not so lucky. He too was kidnapped, this time by Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army, and he was killed in battle.

I lost my brother, but I do not lose hope that these tragedies can be stopped. And yet, I fear that hope for the Nigerian girls is slipping away, internationally. Tickers marking the days since their abduction have disappeared from newspapers, Web pages and broadcasts. Does anyone still remember the 219 missing girls?

They do in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. Every day the Bring Back Our Girls demonstrators--whose activism fueled the hashtag campaign--rally at Unity Fountain in Abuja. Families of the missing girls, their neighbors and fellow citizens, about 100 strong, congregate, carrying signs and chanting the now-familiar mantra: "Bring back our girls."

They are indefatigable. They've withstood government repression, refusing to stop when Abuja police ordered an end to the rallies. In the local media, they've dismissed conspiracy theorists who, bizarrely, postulated the girls were never abducted. They outlasted "counter-activists" trying to shout down their demands with campaign rallies for Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, the very man the protesters think hasn't done enough to rescue the girls.

But can Bring Back Our Girls overcome time and the cynicism it breeds? After some 4 million tweets, the 219 girls have not been rescued. So what's the point, right?

By OKELLO KELO SAM
Los Angeles Times

Okello Kelo Sam is a musician and actor and the founder of Hope North, a secondary school in Uganda for the victims of that country's civil war. He appeared in The Last King of Scotland. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.



Wrong. Remember, until a social-media savvy Nigerian lawyer, Ibrahim Abdullahi, came up with #BringBackOurGirls, there had been little coverage of the abductions. When Abdullahi heard former World Bank Vice President Obiageli Ezekwesili say "Bring back our girls" in a speech, he echoed the phrase on Twitter, and the demonstrators amplified it at Unity Fountain and online. Finally their cry was heard.

Had it not been for that social media campaign would anyone outside Nigeria know about the Chibok girls? Would the story have lasted more than one news cycle in the West? Would you be reading this now?

It's time to remind a distracted world that Boko Haram must be defeated. Social media won't return the girls, but the world's attention can help. It's time to stand again with the demonstrators at Unity Fountain. Make this your 2015 resolution: I will #RememberOurGirls.

And in case you're wondering, it's been 269 days since they were abducted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The kind of visitors we want

With all the upcoming hotel developments, the number of hotels rooms in the Northern Marianas is projected to increase at least another 60 percent over the new few years, likely more.

But may I caution that MORE is not always more?

We live on a small island. Rather than seeking just MORE and MORE visitors, why not target some higher-spending visitors? Personally, I'm already seeing the repercussions of MORE, and it's not pretty. Do we really need MORE trash thrown on the ground instead of in trash receptacles? Do we need MORE beachgoers collecting bags of sea cucumbers from our lagoons? Do we need MORE poor drivers on our roads, jeopardizing the safety of other drivers and bikers? No doubt others have witnessed even MORE than I.

I say, let us look to the example of our brothers and sisters to the south, where Palauan President Tommy Remengesau is cited in the latest edition of the Marianas Business Journal as saying it may look profitable for businesses to book large packaged tour

groups, but in the long run, it will prove to be damaging. In a letter to the Foreign Investment Board, Remengesau is quoted to state, "As you are likely aware, our administration is pursuing a policy of targeting high-end tourists. These tourists come to our island for a Palauan experience. They stay longer, spend more money in the local economy and have respect for our culture and our environment."

That's the kind of visitor I want. Absolutely, we can and should make MORE money from tourism, and we do need a diverse mix of visitors, but let's make more of an effort to attract the kind of visitor who values our home enough to spend MORE to be here, rather than just trying to get MORE and MORE bodies. Otherwise, we may find that having MORE actually leaves us with less.

Catherine Perry
Koblerville, Saipan

lim countries and thus far mixed results to assimilate that population. Incidents such as Wednesday's surely will strengthen political parties opposed to immigration. In France, that means more trouble for President Francois Hollande, already badly trailing Front National leader Marine Le Pen in national polls; as Hollande pleaded Wednesday for national unity, Le Pen greeted the Islamic fundamentalists' intolerance of French freedoms with ... her own intolerance of Muslim immigration. Somehow, Europe has to settle issues of assimilation and immigration that threaten to boil out of control.

■ That said, assimilation isn't a one-way street. More Westerners would be open to calls for tolerance of Muslim immigrants if more leaders within Islam would publicly, and vigorously, denounce jihadist sentiments that attract some Muslims to religious extremism.

■ All of us who value freedoms that others abhor have to keep calm

Slavery in South Korea

One of the most interest-capturing articles dealing with a Pacific Rim country seemed to escape your coverage. Or maybe I missed your coverage? It deals with the prolonged slavery of the disabled in the southern islands off the coast of South Korea. Little or no food, no pay, freezing housing, long hard days in the salt fields.

Please consider raising this important topic dealing with slavery, the disabled, and a first-world country we are involved with, who's our neighbor. After the atrocious ferry accident killing over 300 students followed by the Seoul subway tragedy...and the fact that the Koreans don't currently circulate money in our economy but capture it in Korea, a little pressure wouldn't hurt, a little light where there's darkness would be helpful.

Gary A Liddle
Lodestar Learning Center

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your place--pledge allegiance in France. ... Terrorize them and do not allow them to sleep due to fear and horror." The video's title: "What Are You Waiting For?" That's one anecdote, but it gives the West reason to double down on combat against Islamic State fighters: If they're inspirations, viciously defeating them should be an even higher priority. Here, too, we expect pushback from Americans who want no foreign entanglements. But the West didn't invite this war. It's flourishing.

■ Europe in particular will have to work more aggressively to resolve increasingly bitter policy fights over immigration from Mus-

and carry on. We offer in conclusion a point we made after the transit bombings of 2005, in an editorial headlined, "A letter to London":

"We know that there are those in many lands who yearn to shrink from this battle, as if there is some safe place for civilized nations to hide from zealots who see democracy, economic liberation and civil rights for women as mortal threats to their agenda: hatred, appetite and domination.

"Terrorists walked free in your midst, enjoying the openness, the liberties, of your society. ... They will do so again, on your streets or ours. ... As you move beyond this moment, we will watch and learn, knowing that the today we glimpse may well be the tomorrow for which we must prepare."

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers. Northeast winds 25 to 35 mph.

▲85° ▼78°

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 20 to 25 mph.

▲85° ▼77°

THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 20 to 25 mph.

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FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲85° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲85° ▼76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from 20N180E to 13N150E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are located along and up to 200 miles northwest of the shear line from Wake Island eastward. Cloudiness, scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring along and up to 250 miles north of the shear line east of the marianas. A near equatorial trough curves northeastward from a weak circulation south-southwest of Koror near 3N133E to a tropical disturbance centered west of Chuuk near 8N147E then turns southeastward to end at the equator and 156E. Low-level convergence north of the trough axis is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Koror and over Yap within 80 miles of a line from 11N130E to 9N140E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Koror and Yap between 7N and the equator from 130E to 141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south and east of the marianas within 150 miles of a line from 9N140E to 12N150E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just east of Chuuk between 9N and 5N from 152E to 155E. Farther southeast scattered showers are present south of Pohnpei between 4N and the equator from 155E to 161E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers near Kwajalein and north of Majuro within 60 miles of a line from 9N167E to 9N174E to 7N180E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstoms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼61
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲46	▼25
Hong Kong	Rain	▲58	▼51
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Melbourne	Rain	▲74	▼64
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New York	Rain	▲38	▼29
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Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲48	▼46
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Business

With low oil, gasoline prices, is Keystone still necessary?

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 50-percent plunge in the price of crude oil, resulting from abundant global oil supplies, and cheaper gasoline at the pump raise critical questions about whether the Keystone XL oil pipeline is still needed or even makes financial sense.

Oil prices always have been volatile, and both the pipeline company and the oil refiners and producers that would use the pipeline expect prices to rise and plunge throughout the project's life.

When Keystone XL was first proposed in the fall of 2008, for example, oil was in the midst of an even bigger plunge, from nearly \$150 a barrel to below \$35, and the global economy was collapsing into recession.

Opponents will use lower prices to argue that the pipeline now could pose a greater threat to the environment than originally thought.

Low oil prices could make the pipeline more important to the development of new oil sands projects in Canada than anticipated by the State Department, which is conducting

the environmental review, and therefore is more likely to increase emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases linked to global warming.

The review found the pipeline was not likely to exacerbate global warming, but it based that conclusion on higher oil prices. At such prices, producers can afford the higher cost of transporting oil by rail or other means and still make a profit. At low oil prices, they might decide only to expand drilling if they have an inexpensive way of getting the oil to market.

The price of oil closed at \$48 a barrel on Friday.

Proponents say that during periods of low oil prices, the pipeline is more important because oil companies would otherwise have less incentive to deliver what they say is important oil from a reliable source to U.S. refiners on the Gulf Coast. But they say the current price decline is not enough to change the long-term prospects for oil exploration in Canada, global demand for crude, or prices.

Oil prices will have little im-



pact on the politics. The Republican-controlled Congress has made passing a bill approving the pipeline a priority, despite a presidential veto threat.

Q: Will Keystone XL lower gasoline prices?

A: Probably not, but that has not changed. The price of crude oil does affect the price of gasoline, and refiners set up to use heavy crude would enjoy lower priced-oil. That would

make those refiners more profitable, but it would not necessarily lower the price of gasoline. Wholesale gasoline prices are based on market benchmarks, which are more closely correlated to the highest-price crude oil on the market, not the lowest price crude.

Q: Do lower oil prices mean a pipeline would have a bigger effect on oil sands development and emissions of the pollution linked to global warming?

A: Possibly. How much the pipeline could increase production in the oil sands depends on an array of assumptions about global oil demand, prices and regulation. In theory, by increasing the price that oil sands producers could get for their oil, the pipeline encourages more

development. But that's true at low and high prices, too, according to Michael Levi, senior fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations.

It could be, though, that at low oil prices the cheap transport provided by a pipeline would be just enough to make some new projects profitable enough to develop, and that concerns environmentalists.

In either case, however, the Canadian producers would have to assume low prices will linger for years. Oil sands projects have long lives, so companies based decisions on whether to build them based on assumptions over oil prices over the long term, not based on current prices.

Q: Does Keystone XL still

In this Jan. 9, 2015 file photo, gas prices were under two dollars a gallon are seen at a service station in Leonia, N.J. A 50-percent plunge in the price of crude oil, and cheaper gas at the pump, raise critical questions about whether the Keystone XL oil pipeline is still needed or even makes financial sense.

make sense for TransCanada?

A: It makes more sense than ever. TransCanada stands to make more money from the project now than it did when it was first proposed.

That's because the cost of the project has increased from \$5.4 billion to \$8 billion, and most of the cost will be borne by TransCanada's customers, according to Carl Kirst, an analyst at BMO Capital Markets. Oil producers and refiners have agreed to pay 75 percent of the cost overruns up to \$8 billion; anything over that will be split evenly.

Q: Does it still make sense for oil companies operating in Canada?

A: Probably. Periods of low prices are to be expected over the life of the pipeline, but to producers in Canada the lower the price, the more important it is to have additional low-cost ways to get oil to market. That way they can fetch a higher price for it where it is produced. Many have already started investing in expansion projects that would benefit from low-cost market access.

Tell boss his behavior's bad for business

Q: The owner of our business is an absolute perfectionist with no tolerance for mistakes. Although "Pete's" high standards for excellence and integrity are admirable, he acts like the sky is falling whenever anything goes wrong. As the human resources manager, I hear from many staff members upset by these outbursts.

Pete's leadership philosophy seems to include openly criticizing people in meetings and yelling at anyone who makes an error. I cringe every time I hear him scolding an employee in public. Since Pete's temper is taking a toll on the staff, I would like to gently give him some suggestions for handling frustration more productively. How should I approach this?

A: Hot-tempered owners are like spoiled brats. Because they don't report to anyone, they have complete freedom to act on every impulse and express every negative emotion. The smart ones eventually realize that this self-indulgent behavior is bad for business, but the immature ones never seem to learn.

If Pete falls into the former category, talking with him might be useful. Appeals to kindness and humanity seldom work with top executives, so keep the focus on business outcomes. Pete needs to understand how this volatility could stifle creativity, keep him from hearing bad news, and cause valuable employees to leave.

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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But if changing Pete seems hopeless, try tackling this problem from the other end. As the HR manager, you can also help the staff by coaching them on how to handle their short-tempered boss.

Q: One of our vendors is refusing to communicate with me. This small firm has worked with our company for many years, but my relationship with the owner, "George", has been somewhat strained ever since I took this job several months ago. Although I have been cordial, friendly, and professional, I have made my expectations very clear.

Now George has begun communicating directly with my boss and won't return my calls or emails. I would like to recommend trying a different vendor, but I don't want my manager to think I can't handle the situation. What should I say to her?

A: Because George has been talking to your boss, she undoubtedly knows the relationship is in trouble. And judging

by his ability to contact her, long tenure may have given him a fair amount of leverage. Otherwise, she would simply direct him back to you. Therefore, you must tread carefully.

If George has significant influence, advocating his dismissal would be a politically stupid move. So before taking that risky step, evaluate the situation by asking your manager's opinion of the recent communication blackout.

For example: "George has completely stopped responding to my calls and emails. I have no idea why, so I'm hoping you can shed some light on the problem. Do you know what's going on with him?"

Although you say you were "cordial, friendly and professional," George may have described you quite differently. So if your manager offers feedback about your own communication style, you need to be receptive. But if she expresses concern about George's performance or attitude, she may be open to considering alternative vendors.

Survey: US gas prices fall 27 cents per gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—The average price of regular gasoline nationwide has dropped 27 cents a gallon in the past three weeks, to \$2.20.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says it's the lowest in more than five years and more

drops are possible, although probably not as steep.

Lundberg said Sunday that lower crude oil prices are driving prices down, along with an abundant oil supply.

The highest-priced gas in the Lower 48 states was found in San Francisco, at \$2.66 a gal-

lon. The lowest was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at \$1.76 a gallon.

California's lowest average was in Sacramento, at \$2.42 a gallon.

The average price for midgrade gas in the U.S. is \$2.44. For premium it's \$2.61.

Kerry urges rapid growth in US-India trade, commercial ties

By MATTHEW LEE
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AHMEDABAD, India (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday called for a rapid expansion of U.S.-India trade and commercial ties as he attended an international investment conference ahead of visit by President Barack Obama later this month.

Kerry led the U.S. delegation to the investment summit in Ahmedabad, the main financial city in Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state of Gujarat. Kerry said it was imperative that economic ties between the two countries grow for the sake of Indian development, reducing poverty and fighting climate change.

"We can do more together,

and we must do more together, and we have to do it faster," Kerry told the conference, which Modi opened.

Commerce and investment between the United States and India have jumped in recent years, growing nearly five-fold since 2000 with bilateral direct investment at almost \$30 billion. But it still faces obstacles due to restrictive Indian laws and regulations and concerns about intellectual property rights and protection. In addition, talks on liability issues that have kept American nuclear power operators from doing business in India have been inconclusive to date.

U.S. officials said they were



Kerry

working on agreements that could include a solar energy deal, a plan to improve rural electrification and potentially a carbon reduction pact that they hoped could be signed when Obama visits India to participate in India's annual Republic Day ceremonies on Jan. 26. Modi has invited Obama to be the "chief guest" at the celebration, the first sitting American president to be so honored.

Last year, to the surprise of many, Obama was able to seal a carbon emissions reduction pact with China during a visit to Beijing. The U.S., China and India are the largest emitters of carbon.

Nation

Massachusetts braces for Hernandez, marathon bombing trials

BOSTON (AP)—Jury summonses have been flying, police have been deploying and the news media have been scrambling like seldom before as two highly anticipated criminal trials get underway almost simultaneously in Massachusetts: the federal death penalty trial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and the murder trial of former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez.

The trials began last week within days of each other, competing for jurors, security, headlines and the public's attention. Both are expected to be lengthy, high-profile affairs.

People find both cases fascinating but for very different reasons, said Jack Levin, a criminologist and sociologist at Boston's Northeastern University.

"In the case of the marathon bombing, the fascination comes from a widespread feeling that people have that they are vulnerable. There's a negative fascination there," he said. "People are scared to death by the possibility of terrorism."

"In the Hernandez case, it's because we place a tremendous value on athletes, and when one of them commits a serious crime like homicide, it shocks the public," Levin said. "It's a hero falling from grace."

Tsarnaev, 21, and his brother allegedly set off the twin bombs



A U.S. Coast Guard boat patrols Boston Harbor outside the federal courthouse in Boston, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, on the second day of jury selection in the trial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Tsarnaev is charged with the April 2013 attack that killed three people and injured more than 260. His trial is scheduled to begin on Jan. 26. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

near the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon, one of the world's premiere races. The blasts killed three people, injured more than 260 and terrified people across the state.

In the days after, the nation was gripped by television coverage of a dramatic gunbattle between police and the Tsarnaev brothers—ethnic Chechens who lived in Kyrgyzstan

and Russia before coming to the U.S. more than a decade ago—and the capture of the wounded and bloodied Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, found hiding in a boat.

Tsarnaev is also charged with

killing an MIT police officer. His brother died in the shootout with police.

Hernandez, a former tight end for the Patriots, is charged with

fatally shooting Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old semiprofessional football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. At the time Lloyd was killed in June 2013, Hernandez was a rising star in the National Football League who had signed a five-year, \$40 million contract and helped his team to the 2012 Super Bowl.

Rarely has there been a confluence of two such highly anticipated trials.

The saturation of media attention in both cases has led judges to call in unusually large numbers of prospective jurors to try to find people who haven't already formed strong opinions.

In the Hernandez case, between 1,100 and 1,200 prospective jurors have been asked to report for duty, the largest number for any state trial in recent memory, said Massachusetts Jury Commissioner Pamela J. Wood. In the Tsarnaev case, more than 1,350 prospective jurors reported to federal court.

The size of the jury pools in each trial tops the number of prospective jurors called in some other high-profile cases, including the 1995 O.J. Simpson murder trial, which had a jury pool of about 1,000; and the 2013 federal racketeering trial of Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger, which had a pool of about 675.

Police: 5 guns found in car of Idaho shooting-spree suspect

By **GENE JOHNSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigators found five guns and a laptop computer in the vehicle of a man suspected of killing three people in a shooting spree, a police chief said Sunday, but they hadn't yet uncovered any motive for the rampage.

John Lee, 29, was arrested following a high-speed chase in nearby Washington state after the shootings Saturday. Police believe he opened fire at three locations in the western Idaho city of Moscow, killing his landlord, his adoptive

mother and a manager at a restaurant his parents frequented. A Seattle man was also critically injured.

Investigators searched Lee's car and apartment late Saturday night, Moscow Police Chief David Duke said. They found two semi-automatic pistols, a revolver, a shotgun and a rifle in the vehicle, along with a laptop, he said. Ballistics tests were expected to help determine which weapons might have been used in the shootings.

Authorities were seeking a warrant to search the computer, he said.

"There's still nothing to identify a specific motive as to why Mr. Lee took these actions," Duke said.

The first death was that of Lee's adoptive mother, Terri Grzebielski, 61, at her home. Police said Lee then headed to Northwest Mutual life insurance, where he shot his landlord, David Trail, 76, who was a local businessman and the brother of a former state representative, as well as Michael Chin, 39, of Seattle.

Duke said Chin had no link to Lee, but he was discussing business with Trail when the

gunman arrived. Duke said Chin was shot in the arm and leg. Authorities initially said he was being flown to a hospital in Seattle in critical condition, but Duke said Sunday he was flown to one in Spokane. It wasn't immediately clear which hospital he was in; a supervisor at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center said Sunday the hospital would not confirm whether he was a patient there.

There were "some issues" regarding Lee's apartment, Duke said, but no eviction proceedings that police were aware of.

2 Tuskegee Airmen die in Los Angeles at 91 on the same day

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two members of the Tuskegee Airmen—the famed all-black squadron that flew in World War II—died on the same day. The men, lifelong friends who enlisted together, were 91.

Clarence E. Huntley Jr. and Joseph Shambrey died on Jan. 5 in their Los Angeles homes, relatives said Sunday.

Huntley and Shambrey enlisted in 1942. They were shipped overseas to Italy in 1944 with the 100th Fighter Squadron of the Army Air Force's 332nd Fighter Group. As mechanics, they kept the combat planes flying.

Huntley serviced P-39, P-47 and P-51 aircraft, and as crew chief was responsible for the plane of the squadron commander, Capt. Andrew D. Turner, said Huntley's nephew, Craig Huntly of Inglewood. "The life of his pilot was in his hands, and he took that very seriously," his nephew said.

His concern led Turner to nickname him "Mother," Huntley said.

In addition to facing danger, the Tuskegee Airmen faced racism.

Shambrey's son, Tim Shambrey of Altadena, said his father recalled getting off a train in Alabama where a hospitality station was welcoming returning

white troops with handshakes and free coffee.

"When he and his buddies came off, dressed in their uniforms, of course they didn't get any congratulations" and were asked to pay for their coffee, Shambrey said.

They did so. "The thing about those men is that they were very proud" and decided not to make a fuss, Shambrey said. "They were already used to so much discrimination."

In later life, Shambrey didn't talk much about his war service but he held barbecues that sometimes drew 150 people, including a lot of his old Army buddies, his son said.

Huntley also didn't talk much with his family about the war, said his daughter, Shelia McGee of Los Angeles.

He told them: "I was doing what I was supposed to do, and that was to serve my country," she said.

Shambrey was a National Guard combat engineer during the Korean War and later spent his career with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, his son said.

Huntley was a skycap for more than 60 years at airports in Burbank and Los Angeles, his daughter said.

Obama to call for laws on data hacking, student privacy

WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Barack Obama wants Congress to pass legislation requiring companies to inform customers within 30 days if their data has been hacked, a move that follows high-profile breaches at retailers including Target, Home Depot and Neiman Marcus.

A White House official said Obama would announce the proposed legislation Monday, along with a measure aimed at preventing companies from selling student data to third parties and from using information

collected in school to engage in targeted advertising.

Obama's proposals are part of a White House effort to preview components of the president's State of the Union address in the lead-up to the Jan. 20 speech. The official, who insisted on anonymity, was not authorized to discuss the proposed legislation by name ahead of Obama's speech at the Federal Trade Commission.

If passed by Congress, the Personal Data Notification and Protection Act could require U.S. companies to notify cus-

tomers within 30 days of their personal information being compromised. Recent hackings have exposed the lack of uniform practices for alerting customers in the event of a breach.

The legislation would also make it a crime to sell customers' identities overseas.

Obama's proposals also follow last month's hacking at Sony Pictures Entertainment. The White House has blamed the cyber attack on North Korea and responded with new sanctions against the isolated nation.

In addition to the customer

notification legislation, Obama will also ask lawmakers to pass the Student Digital Privacy Act. The measure would prohibit companies from selling student data to third parties, a move spurred by the increased use of technology in schools that can scoop up personal information.

The White House official said the proposed bill is based on a California statute.

It's unclear whether the new Republican-led Congress will take up either of Obama's legislative proposals.

Asia

Divers retrieve 1 of 2 black boxes from crashed AirAsia jet

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP)—Divers retrieved one of the black boxes Monday from the AirAsia plane that plummeted more than two weeks ago into the Java Sea, a major breakthrough in the slow-moving hunt to recover bodies and wreckage.

The flight data recorder was found under part of the plane's wing and brought to the surface early in the morning, said Henry Bambang Soelistyo, head of the national search and rescue agency.

Divers began zeroing in on the site a day earlier after three Indonesian ships picked up intense pings from the area, but they were unable to see it due to strong currents and poor visibility, said Suryadi Bambang Supriyadi, operation coordinator at the national search and rescue agency.

He earlier said the black box was lodged in debris at a depth of about 30 meters (100 feet), but Soelistyo did not provide additional details about the discovery.

Searchers will continue to scour the seabed to try to locate the other black box, the cockpit voice recorder, which is believed to be emitting a separate signal between 2 meters (yards) to 20 meters (22 yards) away, he said.

"Hopefully, it can be retrieved within hours today," Supriyadi said from Pangkalan Bun, the town closest to the site on Bor-



Indonesians look at the recovered wreckage of the ill-fated AirAsia Flight 8501 that crashed in the Java Sea, at Kumai port in Pangkalan Bun, Indonesia, Monday, Jan. 12, 2015.

neo island. He added that diving conditions were not favorable.

The two instruments are vital to understanding what brought Flight 8501 down on Dec. 28, killing all 162 people on board. They provide essential information including the plane's verti-

cal and horizontal speeds along with engine temperature and final conversations between the captain and co-pilot.

The flight data recorder will be taken to Jakarta, the capital, for analysis. It could take up to two weeks to download

its information, said Nurcahyo Utomo, an investigator at the National Committee for Safety Transportation.

Officials recovered the aircraft's tail on Saturday, the first major wreckage excavated from the crash site. They were hope-

ful the black boxes were still inside, but learned they had detached when the plane crashed into the sea. On Sunday, the ships detected two strong signals near each other.

Search efforts have been consistently hampered by big

waves and powerful currents created by the region's rainy season. Silt and sand, along with river runoff, have created blinding conditions for divers.

On Sunday, Soelistyo said divers located the wing and debris from the engine. Officials initially were hopeful it was the main section of the Airbus A320's cabin, where many of the corpses are believed to be entombed.

So far, only 48 bodies have been recovered. Three more were identified Sunday, including Park Seongbeom, 37, and his wife, Lee Kyung Hwa, 34, from South Korea, said Budi-yono, who heads East Java's Disaster Victim Identification unit and, like many Indonesians, uses only one name.

He said they were discovered Friday on the seabed, still strapped to their seats. Their baby has not yet been found, but the infant's carrier was still attached to the man.

The last contact the pilots had with air traffic control, about halfway into their two-hour journey from Indonesia's second-largest city, Surabaya, to Singapore, indicated they were entering stormy weather. They asked to climb from 32,000 feet (9,753 meters) to 38,000 feet (11,582 meters) to avoid threatening clouds, but were denied permission because of heavy air traffic. Four minutes later, the plane dropped off the radar. No distress signal was sent.

Sri Lanka to probe alleged coup attempt by ex-president

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka's new government will investigate an alleged attempt by former President Mahinda Rajapaksa to stage a coup to try to stay in power when results showed he was losing last week's election, a spokesman for the country's new leader said Sunday.

A "special investigation" will be set up to probe the alleged coup soon after the new government is formed, said Mangala Samaraweera, the spokesman for President Maithripala Sirisena, who came to power after winning Thursday's election.

"Some say this was a very peaceful transition. But that's not the truth. People should know what happened behind the scenes," Samaraweera told reporters.

Until a few weeks ago, Rajapaksa was widely expected to easily win his third term in office. But Sirisena—his former friend and health minister—defected from the ruling party in November, and gathered the support of other defecting lawmakers, opposi-

tion parties and many of Sri Lanka's ethnic minorities, making the election a fierce political battle. Sirisena contested as the combined opposition candidate.

After conceding defeat, Rajapaksa left his office and the official presidential residence on Friday, saying he respected the people's mandate.

Samaraweera, however, said Sunday that Rajapaksa had made an attempt to deploy the army and police to stop the counting of votes when initial results showed he was heading for defeat.

He said Rajapaksa convened the chiefs of the police and the army, as well as the attorney general, at midnight Thursday and asked them to come up with a plan to stop the vote counting. Samaraweera said the three officials opposed the move.

Rajapaksa's media secretary, Wijayananda Herat, rejected the accusation, saying Rajapaksa convened the police and army chiefs only to instruct them to enhance the country's security.

Pakistani school reopens after Taliban massacre of students

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani children and their parents returned Monday to the school where Taliban gunmen killed 150 of their classmates and teachers, their green school blazers, Superman lunchboxes and hands clutched tightly to their parents a symbol of perseverance despite the horrors they had endured.

Pakistan has been reeling from the Dec. 16 terrorist attack in Peshawar—one of the worst the country has experienced. The violence carried out by seven Taliban militants has put a spotlight on whether the country can end the stubborn insurgency that kills and maims thousands every year. The violence also

horrified parents across the nation and prompted officials to implement tighter security at schools.

For parents like Abid Ali Shah, getting ready for school Monday morning was horrifically painful. Shah's wife was a teacher at the school and was killed in the violence. Both of his sons attended the school. The youngest was shot in the head but survived after the militants thought he was dead. Monday morning they were late as they struggled with preparations previously done by Shah's wife.

"A hollowness in my life is getting greater. I am missing my wife," Shah said.

His older son, Sitwat Ali

Shah, said he had managed to control his emotions. It wasn't until he saw his brother break down in tears that he did as well.

A ceremony was expected to be held at the school, but classes were not expected to be held until later this week.

Security was tight, part of a countrywide effort to boost safety measures at schools in the wake of the attack. Media and vehicles were kept hundreds of meters (yards) away from the school. The chief of Pakistan's army, Gen. Raheel Sharif, was on hand inside the school to greet students, a military spokesman said on Twitter.

For many, attending school Monday morning was an act

of defiance and proof that they would not be cowed in the face of Taliban threats to attack again.

Andleeb Aftab, a teacher at the Army Public School, lost her 10th grade son, Huzaifa, in the attack. She arrived Monday wearing a black dress and black head scarf and walked briskly toward the school, where she had last seen her son alive.

"I have come here because the other kids are also my kids," she said. "I will complete the dreams of my son, the dreams I had about my son, by teaching other students. I have chosen to get back to school instead of sitting at home and keep mourning."

China arrests dozens for selling pork from diseased pigs

BEIJING (AP)—Police in China have arrested more than 110 people on suspicion of selling pork from diseased pigs in the country's latest food safety scandal.

More than 1,000 tons of contaminated pork and 48 tons of cooking oil produced from the meat have been seized in the operation that began last year across 11 provinces, the Public

Security Ministry said in a statement Monday.

The suspects belonged to 11 different syndicates who purchased pigs that died of disease from farmers at cut-rate prices then illegally processed them into bacon, ham and oil, the statement said.

Producers obtained the pigs by bribing government livestock insurance agents, sev-

eral of whom were also sent for prosecution, it said. The agents informed the syndicates when insurance claims were filed, allowing them to swoop in and buy the pigs as soon as the deaths had been verified, it said.

The statement put the value of seized pork and oil at more than 100 million yuan (\$16 million). It did not give a precise

figure for arrests, but said 75 suspects had already been sent for prosecution.

Public trust in food safety has been deeply undermined in China by a series of scandals, ranging from bogus baby formula to the widespread sale of "gutter oil" processed from garbage and scraps and sold to restaurants for cooking.

World

Millions rally for unity against terrorism in France

PARIS (AP)—More than a million people surged through the boulevards of Paris behind dozens of world leaders walking arm-in-arm Sunday in a rally for unity described as the largest demonstration in French history. Millions more marched around the country and the world to repudiate three days of terror that killed 17 people and changed France.

Amid intense security and with throngs rivaling those that followed the liberation of Paris from the Nazis, the city became “the capital of the world” for a day, on a planet increasingly vulnerable to such cruelty.

More than 40 world leaders headed the somber procession—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas; Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov—setting aside their differences with a common rallying cry: We stand together against barbarity, and we are all Charlie.

At least 1.2 million to 1.6 million people streamed slowly through the streets behind them and across France to mourn the victims of deadly attacks on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, a kosher supermarket and police officers—violence that tore deep into the nation’s sense of security in a way some compared to Sept. 11 in the United States.

“Our entire country will rise up toward something better,” French President Francois Hollande said.

Details of the attacks continued to emerge, with new video showing one of the gunmen pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group and detailing



The crowd gather during a march in Paris, France, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015.

AP

how the attacks were going to unfold. That gunman, Amedy Coulibaly, was also linked to a new shooting, two days after he and the brothers behind the Charlie Hebdo massacre were killed in nearly simultaneous

police raids.

The attacks tested France’s proud commitment to its liberties, which authorities may now curtail to ensure greater security. Marchers recognized this as a watershed moment.

“It’s a different world today,” said Michel Thiebault, 70.

Illustrating his point, there were cheers Sunday for police vans that wove through the crowds—a rare sight at the many demonstrations that the

French have staged throughout their rebellious history, when protesters and police are often at odds.

Many shed the aloof attitude Parisians are famous for, helping strangers with directions, cheering and crying together. Sad and angry but fiercely defending their freedom of expression, the marchers honored the dead and brandished pens or flags of other nations.

Giant rallies were held throughout France and major cities around the world, including London, Madrid and New York—all attacked by al-Qaida-linked extremists—as well as Cairo, Sydney, Stockholm, Tokyo and elsewhere.

In Paris, the Interior Ministry said “the size of this unprecedented demonstration makes it impossible to provide a specific count,” noting that the crowds were too big to fit on the official march route and spread to other streets.

Later, the ministry said 3.7 million marched throughout France, including roughly between 1.2 million and 1.6 million in Paris—but added that a precise count is impossible given the enormity of the turnout.

“I hope that at the end of the day everyone is united. Everyone—Muslims, Jews, Christians, Buddhists,” said march-

er Zakaria Moumni. “We are humans first of all, and nobody deserves to be murdered like that. Nobody.”

On Republic Square, deafening applause rang out as the world leaders walked past, amid tight security and an atmosphere of togetherness amid adversity. Families of the victims, holding each other for support, marched in the front along with the leaders and with journalists working for the Charlie Hebdo newspaper. Several wept openly.

“Je Suis Charlie”—“I Am Charlie,” read legions of posters and banners. Many waved editorial cartoons, the French tricolor and other national flags.

As night fell on the unusually unified city, some lit candles.

“It’s important to be here for freedom for tolerance and for all the victims. It’s sad we had to get to this point for people to react against intolerance, racism and fascism,” said Caroline Van Ruymbeke, 32.

The French president joined Netanyahu in a visit to a synagogue Sunday night as authorities sought to reassure the Jewish population—Europe’s largest—that it is safe to stay in France. About 7,000 of France’s half-million Jews emigrated to Israel last year amid concerns for their safety and the economy.

AP Exclusive: Witness to Paris officer’s death regrets video

By RAPHAEL SATTER
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PARIS (AP)—The man whose amateur video of a Paris police officer’s cold-blooded murder shocked the world now regrets sharing the footage online, saying he never expected it to be broadcast so widely.

Engineer Jordi Mir told The Associated Press he posted the video out of fear and a “stupid reflex” fostered by years on social media.

“I was completely panicked,” he said in an exclusive interview across from the Parisian boulevard where the officer was shot to death by terrorists Wednesday morning.

The short film immediately became the most arresting image of France’s three-day-long drama, which began with a mass killing at the headquarters of satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo and ended Friday with the death of four hostages and the three terrorists in two separate shootouts.

“I had to speak to someone,” Mir said. “I was alone in my flat. I put the video on Facebook. That was my error.”

Mir said he left the video on Facebook for as little as 15 minutes before thinking the better of it and taking it down.

It was too late.

The footage had already been

shared across the site and someone uploaded it to YouTube. Less than an hour after Mir removed the video from his page, he was startled to find it playing across his television screen.

In its unedited form, the 42-second film shows two masked gunmen—brothers Cherif and Said Kouachi—as they walk toward a prone police officer, later identified as 42-year-old Ahmed Merabet.

“You want to kill us?” one of the brothers says as he strides toward the wounded officer.

“No, it’s OK, boss,” Merabet says, raising his hand in an apparent plea for mercy.

Then he’s shot in the head.

The video unleashed a worldwide wave of revulsion. British tabloids described it as “shocking” and “sickening.” France’s Le Figaro ran a still from the footage on its front page over a caption which read “War.” CNN’s Randi Kaye called it “an unforgettable image forever associated with this horrible attack.”

The iconic nature of the imagery—rebroadcast again and again—has anguished Merabet’s family. His brother Malek told journalists Saturday: “How dare you take that video and broadcast it? I heard his voice. I recognized him. I saw him get slaughtered and I hear him get slaughtered every day.”

Muslim man hailed for life-saving courage during Paris siege

PARIS (AP)—At a kosher supermarket in Paris, a quick-thinking Muslim employee hides several Jewish shoppers in the basement before sneaking out to brief police on the hostage-taker upstairs. In the town of Dammarin-en-Goele, a poker-faced businessman fools a pair of gunmen into believing they’re alone in the building before being allowed to leave unharmed.

In the days after the bloody end of twin French hostage crises Friday, stories of life-saving courage are beginning to filter out. One of the most striking is the story of Lassana Bathily, a young immigrant from Mali who literally provided police with the key to ending the hostage crisis at the supermarket.

Bathily was in the store’s underground stockroom when gunman Amedy Coulibaly burst in upstairs, according to accounts given to French media and to a friend of Bathily’s who spoke to The Associated Press. Bathily turned off the stockroom’s freez-

er and hid a group of frightened shoppers inside before sneaking out through a fire escape to speak to police. Initially confused for the attacker, he was forced to the ground and handcuffed.

Once police realized their mistake, he provided them with the key they needed to open the supermarket’s metal blinds and mount their assault.

“The guy was so courageous,” said Mohammed Amine, a 33-year-old friend and former coworker of Bathily’s who spoke to him about the assault on Saturday.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Bathily during a visit to a Paris synagogue Sunday night.

“I want to express my appreciation to the Mali citizen who helped save seven Jews,” Netanyahu said to thunderous applause.

Witnesses and authorities have corroborated Bathily’s account.

A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity because

he wasn’t authorized to talk on the record, explained that the key Bathily gave police allowed them to storm the supermarket without having to punch their way through the shutters.

About 40 kilometers (25 miles) to the northeast, another hostage’s cool head helped keep a bad day from getting worse. Businessman Michel Catalano was waiting on a supplier at his office in Dammarin-en-Goele when he saw brothers Cherif and Said Kouachi approaching with Kalashnikov rifles. As his colleague, a 26-year-old he identified only as Lilian, ran to hide, he distracted the gunmen. He offered them coffee and—after a brief exchange of fire with authorities outside—bandaged one of the brother’s necks.

“I stayed an hour with them,” Catalano told AP. “I was never scared, because I had only one idea in my head: They should not go to the end (of the hallway) to see Lilian, that’s all.”

That’s what kept me calm.”

Eventually, Catalano was released by the hostage-takers as police swapped text messages with Lilian inside. Just before dusk, the brothers ran outside, guns blazing. They died in a hail of return fire.

Back at the kosher supermarket, police used Bathily’s key to mount their assault, killing Coulibaly and freeing 15 hostages.

Amid the bravery, there was also tragedy.

Police found four hostages dead inside the supermarket, apparently shot by Coulibaly when he entered the store.

Among them was Yohan Cohen, a 22-year-old who Amine said was “someone amazing, friendly, who likes (and) who respects people.”

“I’m Muslim and he’s Jewish,” said Amine, an immigrant from Morocco. “But there’s such respect between us. We’re like brothers.”

“They took my best friend.”

Focus

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—More than a decade ago, the military declared they had killed an Abu Sayyaf kidnapping suspect named Abdulmukim Idris. Yet a man authorities accuse of being Idris continues to languish in a maximum-security jail where the Philippines holds some of its most notorious terror suspects.

In the country's dogged pursuit of terror suspects, it also has nabbed two "Black Tungkang," two "Abdasil Dimas," two "Hussien Kasims." Those are just a few of the signs that Philippine law enforcers have made a slew of mistaken arrests in going after Abu Sayyaf and other Islamic militant groups long active in this Southeast Asian nation's south.

Complaints of false arrests prompted low-key but unprecedented reinvestigations of some of the country's high-profile terrorism cases by state prosecutors. They have led to the release of more than two dozen people who were either mistaken for Abu Sayyaf fighters or brought to trial without evidence, according to official findings.

In their latest review, issued in August, state prosecutors said such faulty arrests of villagers, some of whom could not be identified even by a single witness, are "abhorred in civilized societies like ours."

An Associated Press investigation that included interviews with prosecutors, key witnesses and a freed detainee shows that dozens more people remain behind bars despite a lack of evidence against them. For instance, of the two detainees accused of being the Abu Sayyaf militant who used the nom de guerre Black Tungkang, one remains in custody, even though a former hostage has sworn that neither was the right man.

"I really wanted to retaliate if I have the chance - against the right people," the former hostage, Amily Mantec, told The AP in an interview. She was among six Jehovah's Witnesses abducted by Abu Sayyaf gunmen in 2002. Two of the captives, including her husband, were beheaded.

The real culprits "committed horrible crimes, but they're free because other people are suffering under their names," said Mantec, who now lives under a government witness-protection program.

The case involving Mantec had the most releases of mistakenly arrested detainees among the three high-profile kidnappings involving the Abu Sayyaf that prosecutors have re-examined in the last two years. Twenty-two suspects, arrested between 2004 to 2012, were freed in 2013 after Mantec and another former hostage failed to identify them and for lack of evidence. Just three others were returned to trial.

Two detainees were released after prosecutors re-examined the 2000 kidnappings of 52 students, teachers and a Roman Catholic priest on the southern island province of Basilan, an attack that left three abductees dead. Prosecutors discovered that not a single witness stood against the two suspects as they sat in jail for more than a decade.

In a third case—21 Western tourists and Asian workers kidnapped from a Malaysian diving resort and released in the Philippines' Sulu province - the review led to the release of one suspect.

Across the three cases, 120 indictments were sustained.

Senior state prosecutor Peter Ong



In this Dec. 3, 2014 file photo, Filipino Muslim Munarassana Muctar-Jandul displays a placard as she joins a rally by activists in front of the Justice Department in Manila, Philippines, to protest the continuing detention of her husband Ainbasa Balitung Jandul whom she claimed was mistaken for an Abu Sayyaf member named Abdasil Dima.

At least 25 wrong arrests mar Philippines anti-terror work

By **JIM GOMEZ**
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said he and other prosecutors also want the remaining "Black Tungkang" detainee released, but the court has refused because the arresting officer insists he's the right suspect. Ong said the suspect says he was coerced into giving a false confession. The arresting officer could not be reached for comment.

Ong said he suspects some law enforcers may have forced civilian informants to point to the wrong people to pocket anti-terror bounties. He said he has asked government officials to introduce more safeguards to prevent government anti-terror bounties from being corrupted.

Mantec told the AP that an arresting officer once pressured her to falsely identify a man as an Abu Sayyaf militant who had a bounty on his head, but she resisted.

More than 140 million pesos (\$3.2 million) in rewards have been handed to informants for the "neutralization" of 115 Abu Sayyaf militants from 2001

to 2013, according to the military.

As recently as 2012, the government was offering a bounty for the capture of Abu Sayyaf militant Pedong Palam, even though a man said to be that suspect had been in jail since the early 2000s. Ong said that detainee was finally released last year after prosecutors found no evidence against him during a review of his kidnapping case.

Hundreds of Abu Sayyaf militants have been killed or captured since the country's south became a battleground in the U.S.-led war on terror following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. While Manila's constitution restricts America's involvement to noncombat support, the countries' cooperation in the decline of the Abu Sayyaf, dreaded for its bombings, ransom kidnappings and beheadings, has been regarded as a counterterrorism success story.

But mistakes are a concern in the Philippines' slow and overburdened law enforcement and criminal justice

system, which has a backlog of thousands of cases and is tainted by corruption allegations.

In far-flung Muslim regions in the south, those frailties are compounded by backward conditions like a lack of birth certificates and other identification papers of poor villagers, hampering the accurate identification of suspects. With spotty intelligence, government forces have often relied on civilian informants, some with questionable backgrounds, who have at times pointed to wrong suspects, Commission on Human Rights chief Loretta Ann Rosales said.

Two men were collared for being a militant named Abdasil Dima two years ago. Another pair were arrested under the militant name Hussien Kasim 13 years ago, according to prosecutors.

The four are currently detained in a heavily secured jail in metropolitan Manila with Idris Ukani. He was arrested 13 years ago after being tagged

as the kidnapping suspect Abdulmukim Idris, even though the military has publicly declared that troops shot dead Abdulmukim Idris in 2003 after he escaped from the main police camp.

Idris, the two Abdasil Dimas and two Hussien Kasims are suspects in the Basilan kidnappings.

Human rights lawyer Pura Ferrer-Calleja, who represents Ukani, said she has pointed out the anomalous arrest and sought the release of her client years ago, but the court rejected her petition. She said some witnesses previously pointed to her client as among the kidnappers, but said that testimony should be scrutinized at the trial.

A former Abu Sayyaf commander who has turned state witness, Abu Gandhie, has testified that most of the 94 detainees accused of kidnapping the students, teachers and priest on Basilan island are innocent.

Ong said Gandhie, who has acknowledged involvement in the Basilan kidnappings, has identified only 12 of the 94 detainees as participants. Gandhie has also said far more were arrested than had even taken part in the kidnappings, a number he said was no higher than 60.

Ong said he initially thought as many as 80 Basilan detainees could be freed, but he added that he was unable to petition the court in nearly all cases because the court had rejected earlier petitions to free them. At this point, he said, those defendants must go through the trial process.

Under a 2007 anti-terror law, law-enforcement officials can be fined 500,000 pesos (\$11,200) for each day they wrongfully detain a terror suspect. The law has been used at least twice, but Rosales, the Commission on Human Rights official, said officers can avoid it by charging terrorism suspects with common crimes.

Ong said no law-enforcement official has been convicted of falsely arresting an Abu Sayyaf suspect. But the Philippine military and police say personnel who carry out illegal arrests will be punished appropriately.

"If there is some evidence, we'll look into it. We really correct our mistakes," national police spokesman Chief Superintendent Wilben Mayor said.

Still, Manila's review of major terrorism cases drew praise from a U.N. counterterrorism official, Jean-Paul Laborde, during a recent visit.

"If you arrest innocent people," Laborde warned at a news conference, "you will catalyze more and more people into going in the wrong direction."

Manny Ismael, a 38-year-old laborer, was among those freed in 2013 after prosecutors declared there was no proof he was involved in the kidnappings of Mantec and the other Jehovah's Witnesses.

A father of nine, Ismael wept when he stepped out of jail after 10 years. He said he had been falsely accused by a feuding relative who died while Ismael was in custody.

Ismael remains poor, but can now bask in the sun, sea and his newfound freedom in his coastal Sulu hometown. His thoughts often turn to the dozens of suspects still locked up on terrorism charges—men he believes are innocent.

"There's food there, but when you wake up in the morning and sleep at night, the first and last thing you will see are the iron bars," he said. "The constant problem is how to keep your sanity."

Overdrive

DROP YOUR TOP:

DETROIT (AP)—Americans are ready to let their tops down and feel the wind blow through their hair.

That's the feeling among automakers as they roll out new convertible models at a time when many consumers are gaining confidence in the economy and have more money to spend on less-practical big-ticket items thanks to juicy stock market returns.

At the Detroit auto show later this week, Buick, Alfa Romeo and BMW all plan to show off glitzy open-air models to capitalize on that newfound confidence, and industry analysts expect more to come.

IHS Automotive, an industry consulting firm, predicts there will be 60 different convertible models in the U.S. by 2020, 15 more than last year and the most since at least 2000. "New models drive sales up," said IHS senior analyst Stephanie Brinley, whose firm expects convertible sales to rise 63 percent from 152,400 last year to 248,000 in 2020.

Following the recession, sales of convertibles tailed off. Automakers, realizing that it wasn't socially acceptable to flaunt wealth while others were struggling, rolled out few new rag-top models after the recession.

Convertibles poised to make a comeback



This undated product image provided courtesy General Motors shows the Buick Cascada convertible, which will be unveiled Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 in Detroit.

There were 48 six years ago; now there are 45. As vehicle development budgets were cut during the recession, convertibles were early casualties, says Brinley.

But now, with unemployment down and the stock market and luxury car sales up, automakers are looking for niches such as convertibles to increase sales in a competitive market. IHS

estimates that convertible sales grew nearly 9 percent last year.

"The fear of conspicuous consumption is dead," says Michelle Krebs, senior analyst with AutoTrader.com. "Everybody's getting back into performance and the sexy, flashy mode. Convertibles play into that."

Convertibles range in price from around \$20,000 to about \$850,000 for a Porsche 918 Spyder.

Indeed, there's more money available for such frivolity. U.S. household wealth recovered to \$81.3 trillion by the end of September, the latest government figures available. It plummeted

in early 2009 to \$54.9 trillion as the stock market and home values tanked. But the market has grown dramatically since the recession ended, with the Standard & Poor's 500 index more than doubling. Also, a well-known measure of consumer confidence shows that consumers feel the best they have about the economy in the last seven years.

However, data shows that the gains have mostly helped wealthier households, leaving middle-class wealth largely unchanged. Luxury car sales rose 15 percent last year, the biggest gain since the recession, accord-

ing to Autodata Corp.

At the Detroit show, General Motors is unveiling the Cascada, a Buick version of a stylish Opel convertible from Europe. Fiat Chrysler, apparently believing that convertibles are best left for niche brands, will show off the Alfa Romeo 4C Spyder hardtop that can be converted to open air, while BMW has a refreshed M6 high-performance convertible.

The four-seat Buick is the brand's first convertible in 25 years. It has an insulated soft top that can be opened in 17 seconds with the car traveling at up to 31 miles per hour. It also has a turbocharged 200 horsepower engine and a safety system that deploys rollover protection bars behind the rear seats if the car detects that a crash is possible.

The Cascada is just what Buick needs to keep its sales momentum going, especially in the prime convertible market of Florida, says Ed Williamson, who runs a Buick-GMC-Cadillac dealership in Miami.

Currently, Williamson says he has no convertible cars to sell against the ubiquitous German and Japanese models. "We see an awful lot of Lexus convertibles in this market," he says.

The convertible also helps Buick continue to change its once-stodgy image with a sportier, younger vehicle, said spokesman Nick Richards.

AutoTrader's Krebs doesn't see a huge number of new convertibles coming because of the engineering costs and added weight that come with a convertible.

Still, for most brands, convertible models can bring a sportier image as well as big price tags for the growing number of people willing to pay.

"It puts a little flash in their lineup," says Krebs.

UNDER THE HOOD

Numerous issues could be causing coolant problem

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Q: I have a 2000 Lincoln Town Car. The car has 121,000 miles on it. Three different times the coolant has boiled over in my garage. I have had the car checked for leaks, and they have found nothing to indicate a leak. Therefore, I assumed the coolant has boiled over. One time this happened, the air conditioner may have been on. Why would this happen? I worry this may happen on the road. I keep a cardboard under my car and that is how I noticed this problem. It seems to be a substantial amount. Can you help solve this problem?

A: This is a perplexing situation. By "boiling over" do you mean to say engine coolant is escaping the pressurized recovery bottle in combination with a high temperature reading on the instrument gauge? Or are you finding cold coolant on the cardboard/floor perhaps later in the day?

If the Lincoln is truly overheating at times with no evidence of coolant leakage it may be caused by an inoperative radiator electric cooling fan. Have you noticed it working? Correct fan operation is particularly important at low

vehicle speeds or when stuck in traffic. Other causes are also possible.

If you are noticing coolant on the cardboard only after the car has been parked for some time I wonder if the water pump seal or a hose connection may be leaking. Sometimes these faults will slip past a cooling system pressure test as the seal or hose connection only seems to leak when cold and unpressurized. Insufficient coolant due to a leak could cause an overheat condition when the level drops low enough. The bottom line is a more thorough cooling system inspection is needed, along with validation of the cooling fan.

Q: My grandson lives in Southern California and is having problems with his 2005 Chevy Colorado truck. It has 121,000 miles on it. He has seen several mechanics. The problem is when he makes sharp turns, the engine dies. It also dies when he is going downhill on curvy roads. This is a grandmother's nightmare. The mechanics changed the spark plugs, battery, valves, etc. The problem still exists. I assumed a mechanic could figure out this problem but so far no one has been able to do this. What could it possibly be? Please

throw me a lifeline.—Elaine Ames

A: Elaine, I can appreciate your concern. It sounds like the stalling may be the result of a momentarily faulty electrical connection due to the engine moving in its mounts. This could be caused by a loose battery cable connection, ground strap connection or a flaky connector somewhere in the engine wiring harness. Can the technicians looking at the truck duplicate the symptom? I'd consider gently levering the engine in several directions using a huge pry bar, applying engine torque in drive and reverse against the brakes while stationary, and/or performing a wiggle test of various wiring connectors and harness sections while keeping a keen eye and ear on engine performance. Also, a scan tool data snapshot/movie recorded as the truck stalls may point to a particular circuit or system area. If the folks checking out the truck aren't ASE Advanced Engine Performance certified, I'd look for someone who is. The techs who hold this certification have the skill sets your grandson needs to find. I recently renewed my certification and found the current exam to be refreshingly challenging.

MOTORING Q&A

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: There have been numerous articles recently about warming up vehicles before driving in the winter. I understand doing so makes problems for the environment and is not necessary. The best way is to just drive them. But what about folks who only drive 3 miles to work? My 2008 Hyundai Sonata barely gets heat by the time I get to work if I don't at least let it run for a couple minutes. By letting it run, I am allowing the natural moisture in the air in my engine to evaporate due to heat to prevent further problems down the road. Is there any validity to allow the moisture to evaporate?

A: Absolutely. Short drives in cold weather leave significant moisture condensed into water and not evaporated from the engine crankcase and exhaust system. From a mechanical and environmental perspective, no

significant stationary warm-up, idle period is necessary. In fact, engines and components come up to temperature more quickly, producing better fuel economy and lower emissions, when driven gently up to temperature.

There are two scenarios where an extended warm-up prior to driving is useful—at the start of a short drive as you've described or due to a medical/age necessity. Both are completely valid reasons to let a car warm up before driving, and will not harm the vehicle.

One option for you is to plan a 20-minute drive at least once a week to completely evaporate any moisture from the engine and exhaust. This will help prolong the life of exhaust system components and the positive crankcase ventilation system.

On the subject of longevity, why not plan a round trip to the car wash once a week or

so (except in subfreezing temperatures) to not only to bring the vehicle up to full operating temperature, but also to remove the ice and salt from the chassis to reduce the potential for rust?

Q: Is it OK to store a car over the winter while connected to a battery tender with the battery not disconnected?

A: The benefit to leaving the battery connected is no loss of on-board computer memories—radio presets, seat position, HVAC settings, idle learn, etc. All these are quickly re-established once the vehicle is put back in service.

The only potential downside, in my opinion, is the risk of fire due to some type of electrical problem/short circuit.

Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.

'Boyhood' tops Golden Globes, 'Grand Budapest' upsets

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

North Korea parodies. "Je Suis Charlie" tributes. George Clooney punchlines.

Hollywood toasted free speech in its myriad forms, from mocking Bill Cosby to sincere words about the Paris terrorist attacks, at the 72nd annual Golden Globes on Sunday, where the tender coming-of-age drama "Boyhood" topped all films.

Richard Linklater's 12-years-in-the-making movie was right on time at the Globes, winning the night's top honor, best drama, as well as best director for Linklater and best supporting actress for Patricia Arquette.

The sweetly humanist film had a similarly touching effect on one of Hollywood's glitziest evenings. Taking out her written speech, Arquette apologized: "I'm the only nerd with a piece of paper."

"Bottom line is we're all flawed in this world. No one's perfect," said Linklater, accepting his directing Globe. "I want to dedicate this to parents that are evolving everywhere and families that are just passing through this world and doing their best."

The night seemed to be setting up for the top two Oscar contenders—"Boyhood" and Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Birdman"—to lead the Globes' twin categories of drama and comedy. But in a major surprise, Wes Anderson's "Grand Budapest Hotel" swooped in to win best picture, comedy or musical. He listed a mock thank you to the members of the Hollywood Foreign Press, the collection of mostly freelance foreign journalists who put on the Globes, naming "Yorum and Dagmar and Yukiko and Mounawar."

The elegantly crafted backstage romp "Birdman" nevertheless won best actor in a comedy or musical for its lead, Michael Keaton, who plays a former superhero star mounting a serious play on Broadway, and best screenplay.

Reflecting on his life, Keaton's voice broke up as he thanked his son, whom he called his best friend. "Shoot," said Keaton. "Two things I said I wasn't going to do: cry and give air quotes."

Kicking off the show, hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler wasted no time in skewering Hollywood's most sensitive subjects: the hacking of Sony Pictures over "The Interview," the sexual assault allegations

SIDEBAR

WINNERS' LIST

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—List of winners of the 72nd annual Golden Globe Awards, announced Sunday in Beverly Hills, California, by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association:

MOTION PICTURES

- **Picture, Drama:** "Boyhood."
- **Picture, Musical or Comedy:** "The Grand Budapest Hotel."
- **Actor, Drama:** Eddie Redmayne, "The Theory of Everything"
- **Actress, Drama:** Julianne Moore, "Still Alice."
- **Director:** Richard Linklater, "Boyhood."
- **Actor, Musical or Comedy:** Michael Keaton, "Birdman."
- **Actress, Musical or Comedy:** Amy Adams, "Big Eyes."
- **Supporting Actor:** J.K. Simmons, "Whiplash."
- **Supporting Actress:** Patricia Arquette, "Boyhood."
- **Foreign Language:** "Leviathan."
- **Animated Film:** "How to Train Your Dragon 2."
- **Screenplay:** Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Nicolas Giacobone, Alexander Dinelaris, Armando Bo, "Birdman."
- **Original Score:** Johann Johannsson, "The Theory of Everything."
- **Original Song:** "Glory" (music by John Legend, Common), "Selma."

TELEVISION

- **Series, Drama:** "The Affair."
- **Actor, Drama:** Kevin Spacey, "House of Cards."
- **Actress, Drama:** Ruth Wilson, "The Affair."
- **Series, Musical or Comedy:** "Transparent."
- **Actress, Musical or Comedy:** Gina Rodriguez, "Jane the Virgin."
- **Actor, Musical or Comedy:** Jeffrey Tambor, "Transparent."
- **Miniseries or Movie:** "Fargo."
- **Actress, Miniseries or Movie:** Maggie Gyllenhaal, "The Honourable Woman."
- **Actor, Miniseries or Movie:** Billy Bob Thornton, "Fargo."
- **Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie:** Joanne Froggatt, "Downton Abbey."
- **Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or Movie:** Matt Bomer, "The Normal Heart."

against Cosby and television's rise as a cultural rival to movies.

In an opening blistering with zingers, the duo welcomed Hollywood's "despicable, spoiled, minimally talented brats" to the Globes to celebrate "all the movies that North Korea was OK with." They several times

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Richard Linklater poses in the press room with the award for best director for "Boyhood" at the 72nd annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In Loving Memory of

† Francisco Babauta Castro

July 07, 1953 – January 07, 2015

In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: †Marceliano Manibusan Castro

Sister: †Alicia C. Manglona

Daughters: †Mary B. Castro
‡Susan B. Castro

Parents In Law: †Jesus Miyasaki Babauta
‡Petra Reyes Babauta

His Memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Theresita Babauta Castro

Children and Families:
Emily B. Castro & Jamal Jones (Kylah Denice)
Pearl B. Castro & (Trevin Kei-ji, Petra Doreen)
Daisy B. Castro & (Dasia Kailani, Devin Karter)
Nathan B. Castro & Renee Manibusan (Theia Kohāna)

Mother: Dolores Lizama Babauta Castro

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
John & Rose Castro
Mart Castro & Maggie Muna
Roy Castro & Cel Gapach
John Manglona
Lola C. & Joe Mafnas
Jess & Nora Castro
Ton & Maricar Castro
Ben & Lucy Castro
Tina C. & Gus Kaneshi
Joe & Faye Castro
Rit C. & Ben Agulto

Brother at heart: Chel & Pat Castro

In Laws: Juan R. Babauta
Joseph R. & Lydia A. Babauta
Oscar R. & Lorraine W. Babauta
Donald R. Babauta
Diego R. & Dolorina J. Babauta
Pat B. & Juan A. Camacho
Franklin R. & Celina R. Babauta
Anthony R. & Melissa DLG. Babauta
Jesse R. Babauta

Daily Mass of Intentions for the repose of his soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. and Holy Rosary is being recited at 7:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015. His remains will be escorted from CHCC Morgue at 7:30 a.m. to San Roque Parish. Responso and Holy Rosary will take place upon the arrival of his remains. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed immediately by interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Thank You

Terry Babauta Castro, Children and Families

Kinder, gentler Golden Globes kept lid on partying

NEW YORK (AP)—For their third and (so they say) final year, co-hosts Amy Poehler and Tina Fey proved themselves yet again the Golden Girls of the Golden Globes awardscast, airing live on NBC Sunday night.

They didn't spare North Korea or the embattled Sony comedy "The Interview": Poehler said that nation's demands that the film be suppressed ended up "forcing us to pretend we wanted to see it."

A certain scandal-beset comedian felt their sting, too. In describing the best movie musical nominee "Into the Woods," Poehler said "Sleeping Beauty just THOUGHT she was getting coffee with Bill Cosby."

They even tweaked the Golden Globes itself, which tends to focus on films at the expense of TV:

"Let's talk about television," said Poehler late in their duologue, at which point Fey abruptly cut her off: "I'm being told that we're running out of time."

Further razzing North Korea was a character played by Margaret Cho: a stern, goose-stepping North Korean Army general and the newest member of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association voicing a collection of complaints about Hollywood as well as the Globes: "I think 'Orange is the New Black' should be in Drama category," rather than Comedy, she barked in broken English. "It funny, but not ha-ha funny."

The bit scored a twofor: It leveled a comedic take-that at North Korea, while making some viewers cringe at its borderline racism.

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visited with a North Korean Army officer, played by Margaret Cho, who voiced her displeasure with all aspects of the show.

"Je Suis Charlie" reverberated through the ceremony, from signs held aloft on the red carpet by the likes of Helen Mirren to the speeches of Cecil B. DeMille winner George Clooney, who evoked the name of the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo that was recently attacked by terrorists. HFPA President Theo Kingma drew a standing ovation for pledging support to free speech "from North Korea to Paris."

Clooney, a young lifetime achievement honoree at 53, had been among Hollywood's most vocal about preserving free speech after hackers threatened violence over "The Interview." Referring to the embarrassing emails leaked by the hackers, Clooney called the night "a good chance for us to meet face to face and apologize for all those snarky things we said to each other."

Clooney also spoke emo-



In this image released by NBC, Tiny Fey, from left, Margaret Cho and Amy Poehler speak at the 72nd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Billy Bob Thornton, winner of best actor in a TV miniseries, had a tough act to follow once his name was called: Jennifer Lopez, whose cleavage-baring gown prompted her co-presenter, Jeremy Renner, to make the evening's most obvious wisecrack. After JLo said she had the nails to open the envelope, Renner muttered, "You have the globes, too."

Thornton, observing moments later that "you can say anything in the world and get in trouble," declared, "I'm just gonna say thank you." Then he did and took his leave.

Otherwise reliable wags Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig flopped as co-presenters for best screenplay. Their routine, meant to demonstrate the vital nature of the writer's contribution, seemed to have been dashed off

tionally about his new wife, Amal Clooney: "It's a humbling thing when you find somebody to love."

In one of the evening's most hotly contested categories, best actor in a drama, Eddie Redmayne emerged victorious over Benedict Cumberbatch ("The Imitation Game"), Steve Carell ("Foxcatcher"), David Oyelowo ("Selma") and Jake Gyllenhaal ("Nightcrawler") for his performance as Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything."

Julianne Moore won best actress in a drama for her startling performance as an academic with early on-set Alzheimer's in "Still Alice."

Amy Adams surprised in taking best actress in a comedy or musical for her performance in "Big Eyes." "I didn't even re-apply lip gloss," said an unprepared Adams.

The first award of the night went to J.K. Simmons for best supporting actor for his performance as a domineering jazz teacher in the acclaimed indie "Whiplash." He thanked his confident co-star, Miles Teller, whom he called: "A young actor of such maturity and brilliance

at the last minute. Note to this pair: Next time, consider a rewrite. Another thing that didn't work: Whatever it was that made most people look orange rather than tan.

Who wasn't moved by Jeffrey Tambor? Viewers beheld that old pro, his rich baritone trembling with emotion at winning as best actor in a TV comedy for "Transparent" (the Amazon series in which he plays a transgender character) as he thanked his colleagues for helping him "find more of Jeffrey than I have ever found in my entire life"—before dedicating his award to "the transgender community."

Nomination for funniest say-what? line: Tina Fey declaring "Our next presenter is a woman who's known by only one name: Winfrey!"

that he inspired me every day to want to scream at him and hit him in the face."

The ceremony had an orchestrated but carefree spirit, filled with the usual high dose of glamour (Moore especially turned heads the red carpet), celebrity cameos (Prince!) and even the drink-swilling return of an old Globes villain, the former host Ricky Gervais.

The DreamWorks sequel "How to Train Your Dragon 2" took best animated film over the favorite, "The Lego Movie." The Russian entry "Leviathan" took best foreign language film.

As the only major awards show to honor both movies and TV, the Globes have also benefited from television's rise. Fey and Poehler alluded to that by leading the crowd in a call-and-response cheer, chanting "Movies ... Awesome! TV ... Better!"

Amazon, crashing the party like Netflix did before it, celebrated its first—and second—Golden Globe for the sexual identity comedy "Transparent," winning best TV series, musical or comedy. The show's star, Jeffery Tambor, landed best actor in the category, dedicating

Nomination for best acceptance-speech sound bite: Kevin Spacey, receiving his first-ever Globe for his performance in Netflix's "House of Cards": "I just want it to be better. I just want to be better. But this (award) is very encouraging."

Nomination for best "aww" moment, thanks to George Clooney as he gazed from the stage to the table where his new wife, Amal Clooney, was beaming back at him: "It's a humbling thing when you find someone to love."

That reflected the tone of the Globes. It wasn't the usual cheeky, boozy party—at least, from the viewers' standpoint. Instead it was a kinder, gentler Globes this time—perhaps reflective of the killings in Paris. Next year, maybe the party will resume.

his award to the transgender community.

AMC's adaptation of the Coen brothers' acclaimed 1996 film, "Fargo," came in the leading TV contender with five nominations and promptly won best miniseries or movie, as well as best actor, miniseries or movie, for Billy Bob Thornton.

"You can say anything in the world and get in trouble. I know this for a fact," said Thornton. "So I'm just going to say thank you."

Led by Fey and Poehler, the Globes have been on a terrific upswing in recent years. Last year's awards drew 20.9 million viewers, the most since 2004. Whether this year would be as successful—despite a best picture field with only one in 10 films grossing more than \$100 million: the unrewarded Disney musical "Into the Woods"—had to wait until ratings are released on Monday.

But accepting the Globe for best original song for "Glory" in the civil rights drama "Selma," the rapper Common raised the status of the Globes even higher: "I want to thank God and the Hollywood Foreign Press," he said.

SHOW BITS

It was getting hot in there

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—When the hottest stars in Hollywood fill a room the temperature is bound to go up.

That's why the Golden Globes has a small army of makeup artists ready to touch up any runny mascara at a moment's notice.

Although the air conditioning was going full blast during Sunday's Golden Globes, some stars said it was stuffy in the Beverly Hilton Hotel ballroom, leading to worries of shiny on-camera faces.

Although "Downton Abbey" star Laura Carmichael left the ballroom looking English-rose impeccable after the show, she acknowledged it seemed awfully warm in there.

MICHAEL KEATON'S FAMOUS FANS

Michael Keaton is not lacking fans, but following his Golden Globe win for best actor in a comedy or musical a few of his peers also stepped up to show their support.

As the "Birdman" star walked up to the stage in the press room, Eddie Redmayne, who won the best actor award in the drama category, gave Keaton a joyous hug. The two actors patted each other on the back as Redmayne exited and Keaton prepared to face a room full of reporters.

Suddenly another voice overtook the already loud room: "Michael Keaton. Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!"

The hollering and clapping quickly silenced the room as reporters wondered who was making the racket.

It was Ethan Hawke, and yes, he was standing on a chair, too.

THE PERILS OF PREDICTING TOO EARLY

Julianne Moore may have walked away with a best actress Golden Globe for her performance in "Still Alice," but just a few months ago she was singing the praises of a different performance.

After she won Sunday night, Moore was reminded of what she had previously told a reporter in Toronto: "If Marion Cotillard doesn't win the Golden Globe, there is no justice."

"I did, indeed say that. That's true," Moore said, laughing. "So I am mighty surprised. I am mighty surprised."

Moore had been talking up Cotillard for her performance in "Two Days, One Night."

"I had seen Marion in Cannes and I was so flabbergasted by her performance. It was so, so beautiful," she said.

Cotillard, who has won an Oscar and a Golden Globe for previous work, was not nominated for that film.

SAY CHEESE, JESSICA CHASTAIN

If you were sharing a table with stars including Helen Mirren and Jessica Chastain, wouldn't you capture the moment with a selfie?

That's just what Emily Blunt did, with smiling husband John Krasinski at her side.

HAVE YOUR GUY CALL MY GUY

There are business deals going down among those cozy, starry tables at the Golden Globes.

Winner Michael Keaton met talk-show host Seth Meyers and quickly took the time to tell him how much he enjoys "Late Night With Seth Meyers."

"You are so funny on the show, man," Keaton said. "So good."

Responded Meyers: "Anytime you want to come on ..."

AWAY FROM THE CAMERAS, LET'S CHOW DOWN

So, A-List celebrity, you lingered too long on the Golden Globes red carpet and missed the big pre-show dinner.

Not to worry, you don't have to fast during the three-hour show.

A room adjacent to the ballroom where the trophies are handed out is filled with cheeses, fruits, finger sandwiches and other goodies.

There's an ice sculpture serving Petrossian caviar from Paris and a Godiva station offering chocolate-covered strawberries and decadent truffles.

Vince Vaughn and Jeremy Renner popped in to visit the bar while Billy Bob Thornton headed straight for the neighboring smoking patio. He balanced his Golden Globe in one hand while lighting up with the other.

QUICKQUOTE: GEORGE CLOONEY

"If you're in this room, you've grabbed the brass ring."—George Clooney, reflecting on winning or losing a Golden Globe as he accepts the Cecil B. DeMille Award for outstanding contributions to the world of entertainment.

PATRICIA ARQUETTE'S NINJA SKILLS

Patricia Arquette isn't afraid to take on a challenge, whether it's spending 12 years making the film "Boyhood" or snatching an errant microphone that was headed straight for her head.

Arquette was in the backstage pressroom to talk about the Golden Globe for supporting actress in a motion picture that she had just won for "Boyhood" when a production staffer accidentally bumped her microphone's long pole. That sent it flying toward her face.

But no worries: Arquette reached out and grabbed it with her free hand.

"Did you see my ninja skills?" she exclaimed.

LOIS LANE HUGS HER ALMOST SUPERMAN

Before taking the stage in the press room, Golden Globe winner Amy Adams had some business to take care of: Giving fellow winner Matt Bomer a big hug.

The "Big Eyes" actress apologized for the brief delay, explaining she "was hugging Matt, because what woman wouldn't want to hug Matt."

The pair knew each other from years before when Bomer tested for the role of Superman and Adams tested for Lois Lane.

"Long before I had the opportunity to play Lois Lane," Adams explained of

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the role she finally won for the 2013 film “Man of Steel” and the forthcoming “Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice.”

Bomer received the Golden Globe for supporting actor in a series, minise-ries or motion picture made for television for his turn in “The Normal Heart.”

“I’m just so happy for him,” Adams said.

TAKING A CHAT BREAK

For TV viewers, commercials are a chance to hit the fridge or pay even closer attention to their smartphones.

In the Golden Globes ballroom, it’s a schmooze opportunity.

Among those taking impromptu meetings was George Clooney, who with his new wife, Amal, at his side and a “Je Suis Charlie” button prominently on his lapel, chatted up former U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd, now head of the Motion Picture Industry Association.

Other confabs: Jane Fonda and Robert Duvall, and the sibling duo, Maggie and Jake Gyllenhall.

And let’s not overlook the three-way bromance: Jake Gyllenhall hugging Mark Ruffalo hugging Matthew McConaughey.

FACT-CHECKING MOVIES

Between “Selma,” “Foxcatcher” and “The Imitation Game,” there has been no shortage of criticism over the historical accuracy of fact-based films this awards season.

Jessica Chastain is no stranger to this scrutiny.

The actress, nominated for a Golden Globe for her supporting turn in “A Most Violent Year,” recalled the intense scrutiny her film “Zero Dark Thirty” came under a few years ago, specifically over how accurate her portrayal of the woman who tracked down Osama bin Laden was.

“To be honest, it makes me really sad,” Chastain told The Associated Press on the Globes’ red carpet. “We don’t make documentaries. We’re supposed to hold a mirror up to society, tell us where we’ve been in our history, where we are today and where we’re going in our future. That means we have a take on it, we get to comment on that.”

OUT OF THE WAY, THERE’S A SHOW TO WATCH

Perennial It-Girls Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon crammed as much catching up as possible during a Golden Globes commercial break.

But when a loudspeaker announcement boomed over the ballroom that only 30 seconds remained before the show returned live, the guy who plays Iron-man in the movies wasn’t shy about telling them to wrap it up.

“Sorry, ladies, may I please get to my seat?” said Robert Downey Jr.

Witherspoon blushed and stepped aside, then joked to Aniston, “So rude, that one. So rude.”

ALL DRESSED UP AND TIME TO GO

With minutes to go before the Golden Globes got underway, the place to be was the women’s restroom line that snaked out the door.

The queue included Julianna Margulies and Claire Danes, who complimented each other’s gown as they waited patiently.

“Here we are, all dressed up,” Frances McDormand said wryly as she brushed by them on her way to the ceremony.

QUICKQUOTE: BILLY BOB THORNTON

“I’m not much of a drinker, so I’m going to eat seven pounds of pork.” — Billy Bob Thornton describing how he’ll celebrate his best supporting actor win for “Fargo”

BLING ENVY

Standing beside Oprah Winfrey’s table near the stage, Anna Faris experienced bling envy when she spotted Lupita N’yongo.

“I may need these after the show,” Faris told the Oscar winner for “12 Years a Slave” as she fingered the emeralds dangling from her ears.

“I know, right?” N’yongo said. “If only we got to keep them.”

QUICKQUOTE: J.K. SIMMONS

“There are thousands of people I would like to say thank you to. If I took the time to say thank you to everyone that I would honestly like to thank, Richard Linklater would have to make the movie and it would be 12 years long.” —J.K. Simmons, accepting his Golden Globe for best actor in a supporting role, motion picture, for “Whiplash”



This photo released by 20th Century Fox shows Liam Neeson as Bryan Mills in a scene from the film, “Taken 3.”

‘Taken 3’ topples ‘Hobbit’ reign at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—After three weeks atop the box office, “The Hobbit” has been taken down by Liam Neeson.

“Taken 3” nabbed the top spot at the weekend box office in North America with \$40.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The third installment of the 20th Century Fox thriller series stars Neeson as a vengeance-seeking retired CIA operative with “a very particular set of skills.”

The original “Taken,” which also features Maggie Grace and Famke Janssen, debuted in 2009 with \$24.7 million, while “Taken 2” launched in 2012 with \$49.5 million. “Taken 3” also earned \$41 million in 36 international territories this weekend.

“For Neeson to be at this stage in his career and be considered one of the premier action heroes is certainly unexpected, but it’s really cool and lucrative,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at box-office tracker Rentrak. “I don’t think Neeson expected back in ‘09 that ‘Taken’ would take off the way

it has. It’s really enhanced his box-office appeal.”

“The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies” slid to fourth place with \$9.4 million following three straight weeks in first place. The total domestic take for filmmaker Peter Jackson’s Middle-earth finale now stands at \$236.5 million. “The Hobbit” also earned \$21.8 million internationally this weekend, pushing the worldwide total to \$545.3 million.

“Into the Woods” milked \$9.7 million in third place in its third week at the box office, bringing the total haul of Disney’s Broadway musical adaptation to \$105.3 million.

With the Golden Globes kicking off Sunday night and Academy Awards nominations looming Thursday morning, several trophy seekers expanded into more theaters this weekend.

Paramount’s civil rights drama “Selma” moved from 22 to 2,179 theaters, arriving in second place behind “Taken 3” with \$11.2 million. The film chronicles the historic 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and stars David Oyelowo as the

1. **“Taken 3,”** \$40.4 million (\$41 million international).
 2. **“Selma,”** \$11.2 million.
 3. **“Into the Woods,”** \$9.7 million (\$7.6 million international).
 4. **“The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies,”** \$9.4 million (\$21.8 million international).
 5. **“Unbroken,”** \$8.7 million (\$5.7 million international).
 6. **“The Imitation Game,”** \$7.6 million (\$5.5 international).
 7. **“Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb,”** \$6.7 million (\$46.2 million international).
 8. **“Annie,”** \$4.9 million (\$14 million international).
 9. **“The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death,”** \$4.8 million (\$1.5 million international).
 10. **“The Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 1,”** \$3.7 million.

awareness,” said Megan Col- ligan, Paramount’s president of worldwide distribution. “Then, we have Martin Luther King weekend next weekend. I think we’re in great shape to just play and play and play.”

Other possible awards-season hopefuls that moved into more theaters this weekend included the Louis Zamperini biopic “Un- broken,” the Alan Turing biopic “The Imitation Game” and film- maker Paul Thomas Anderson’s trippy mystery “Inherent Vice.”

“There are a lot of titles out there in the mix,” Dergarabedian said. “It’s all about timing with these awards-season contenders. With the Globes tonight and the Academy Award nominations Thursday, it’s no accident they’re expanding. It’s completely cal- culated, but it’s sort of anyone’s game to win because there are so many great contenders.”

“American Sniper,” which stars Bradley Cooper as Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, bagged \$555,000 from just four the- aters. Warner Bros. plans to greatly expand the war drama’s scope on Friday.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

“With the Globes tonight, no matter what happens, there’s nothing better than having your clips running and people hav- ing conversations about your movie because it creates a big

Search low-cost options for professional counseling

DEAR ABBY: In many advice columns it is often sug- gested to “seek professional help,” such as a psycholo- gist or psychiatrist. This is a practical solution, but most often quite expensive, to the point of being prohibitive.

Where else can one turn to find assistance that will be practical, ongoing and cost-effective rather than something that immediately throws up a roadblock to wellness?

DETOURED BY FINANCES

DEAR DETOURED: Some of these suggestions might be helpful:

(1) **Contact a university medical school if there is one in your community, and ask to speak to the Department of Psychiatry. Ask if it has an outpatient clinic. If it does, inquire there. If not, ask if someone on the staff deals with problems like the ones you’re experiencing.**

(2) **If you live in a town with a college, find out if it has a graduate school. If so, does the graduate school have a psy- chology program and a clinic that charges on a sliding finan- cial scale? If there is no clinic, ask if someone on the staff of the psychology department sees people privately and what’s the person’s phone number. Then contact that person.**

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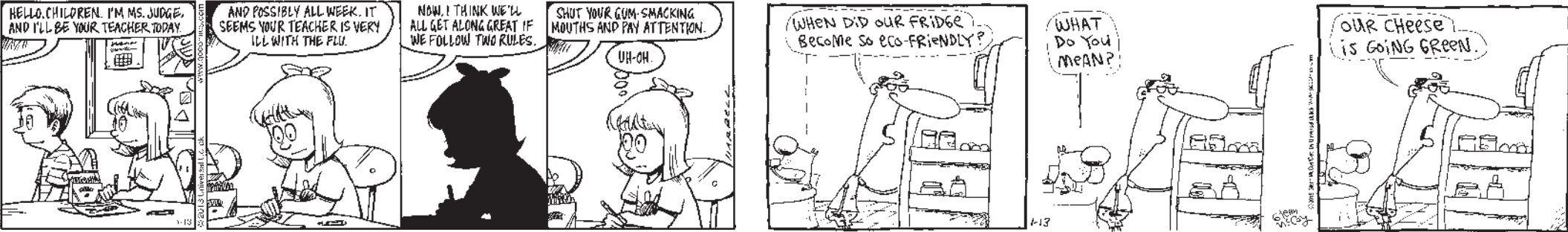
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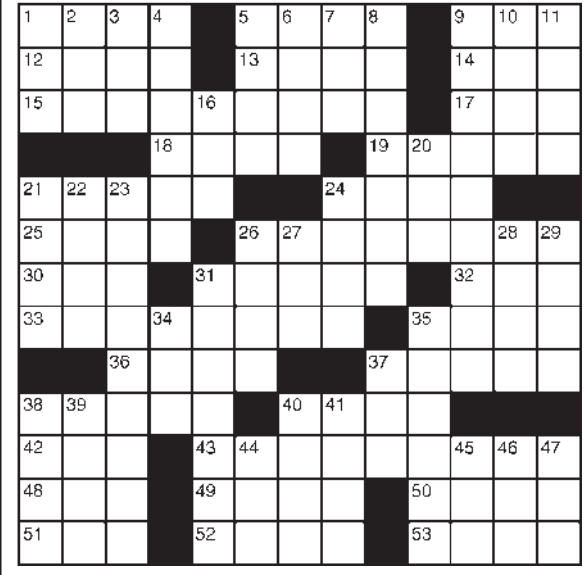
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 - 21 La Scala presentation
 - 24 — list (agenda)
 - 25 Guns the engine
 - 26 Custom-made
 - 30 Bikini half
 - 31 Sacred text
 - 32 Timetable abbr.
 - 33 Paragraph portion
 - 35 Sicilian spouter
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- 1 Weeding tool
 - 2 Pt. of speech
 - 3 Meadow
 - 4 Tinsel-town
 - 5 Onetime
 - 6 Compassion
 - 7 Favorable vote
 - 8 Baby frog
 - 9 Vanish into thin air?
 - 10 Festive creature
 - 11 By word of mouth
 - 16 Patriotic chant
 - 20 Commotion
 - 21 Spheres
 - 22 Father, to François
 - 23 Pertaining to the Bible
 - 24 Scrabble piece
 - 26 Wee
 - 27 "The View"
 - 28 Sea eagle
 - 29 "Phooey!"
 - 31 Crazy
 - 34 Spigot
 - 35 Football team
 - 37 Tackle moguls
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 - 39 Basin accessory
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone is likely to be in a bad mood. Patience will be necessary if you want to accomplish anything. Consider hiding out where you can avoid drama and attend to your responsibilities without interruption. **

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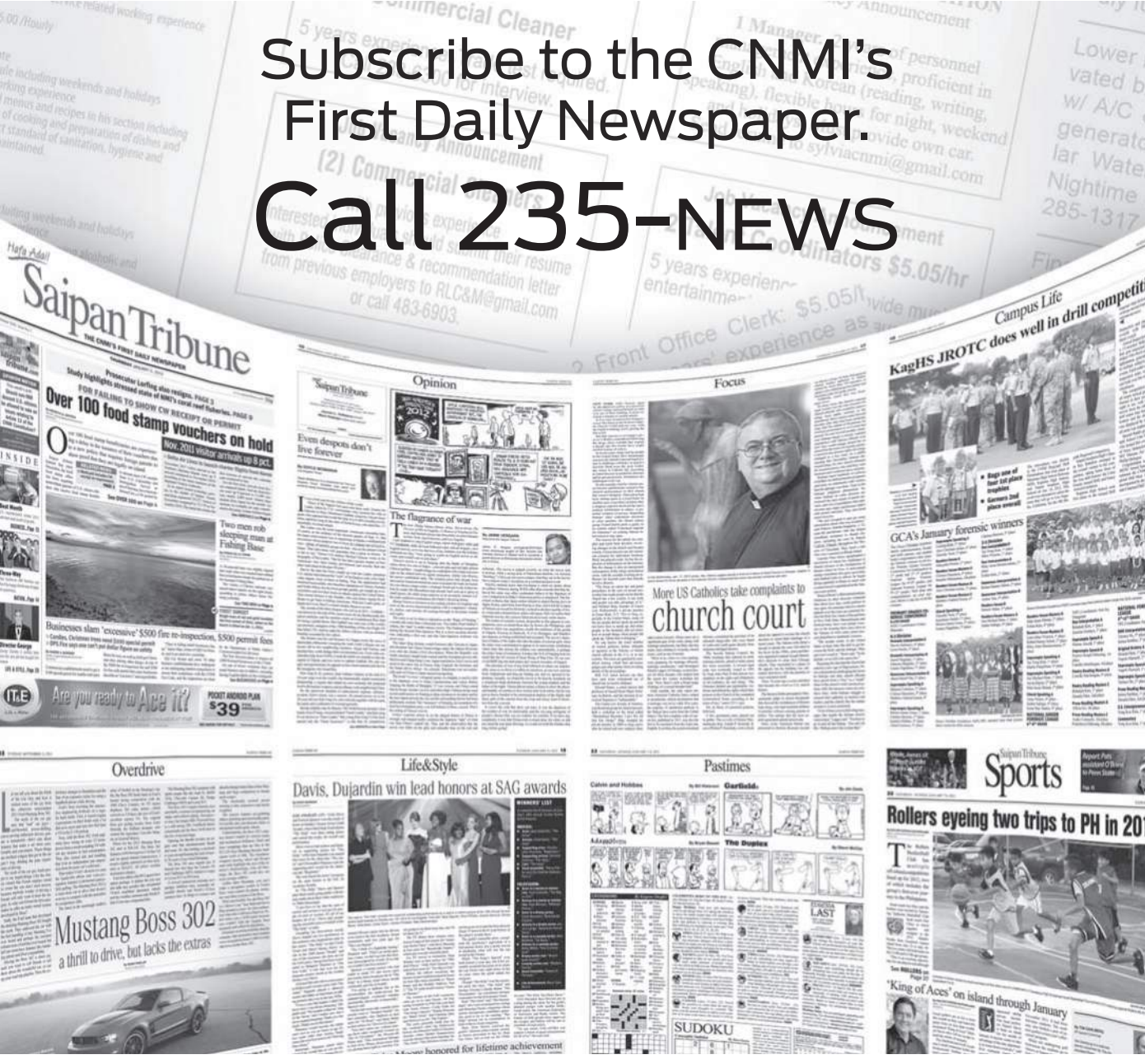
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Colts defense shines in 24-13 win over Broncos

DENVER (AP)—Everyone pretty much figured Peyton Manning would have his way with an Indianapolis defense that got carved up earlier this season by Ben Roethlisberger.

All the Colts really wanted to do was throw Manning a little bit off rhythm, enough to get Andrew Luck on the field with a chance to do his thing.

They did that and plenty more.

Starting with a sack and forced fumble of Manning that led to the go-ahead touchdown, the Colts baffled the Denver quarterback during a 24-13 win Sunday in an AFC divisional playoff game.

Now, Indy's headed to New England to face the Patriots with a chance to make it back to the Super Bowl for the first time since Manning led them there after the 2009 season.

The turning point of the game was early in the second quarter when Jonathan Newsome stripped Manning of the football and Jerrell Freeman recovered it at the Denver 41.

A few plays later, Luck hit tight end Dwayne Allen on a short TD pass to put Indy up 14-7—a lead the defense protected the rest of the way.

"Once we got into Manning's head, that was the biggest thing," defensive lineman Ricky Jean Francois said. "You never know Peyton to overthrow guys. He usually puts the ball right on the number and when he kept overthrowing it, we knew we had him."

It's one thing to hold down Andy Dalton, which the Colts (13-5) did last week. But this was Manning, a five-time NFL MVP who frequently dominates defensive game plans.

Instead of merely holding Manning in check, they kept him at bay. Manning threw for a pedestrian 211 yards—59 of which were in the final 1:52 and the game all but out of reach.

So maybe the Colts aren't just all about Luck, after all.

"We want some of that glory, too. Show us some love," safety Mike Adams said, smiling. "Look, we know Luck is going to do his thing. We know he's going to go out there and ball out."

"As a defensive team, we want our own identity. We want to go out there and represent. We want to go out there and do our thing."

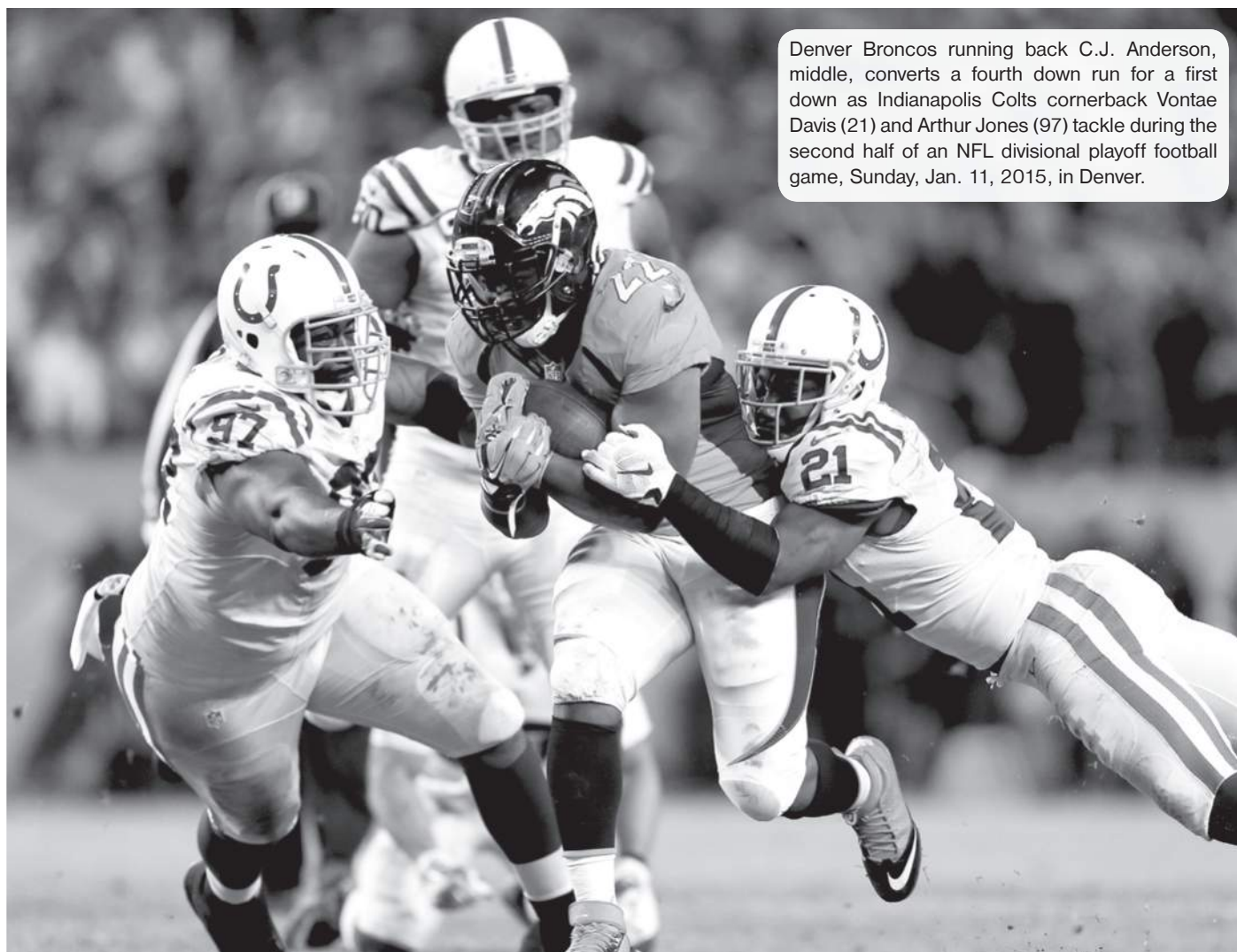
What the Colts did was confuse Manning by showing one look and backing off into another version. They constantly had pressure on him as well, sacking him twice and making him unsettled in the pocket.

Indy owner Jim Irsay was just as impressed with his defense's intensity as the work turned in by Luck, who made it possible to release Manning in 2012.

"Coming in here, on their home turf, it was an incredible victory for the franchise," Irsay said.

Made possible by constantly bothering Manning.

"We got some pressure on



Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson, middle, converts a fourth down run for a first down as Indianapolis Colts cornerback Vontae Davis (21) and Arthur Jones (97) tackle during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Denver.

him," Freeman said. "We were able to capitalize on third-and-longs and get off the field when we had the opportunity."

That hasn't always been the case for Indy's defense this season. It's been a little maligned at times, especially after Roethlisberger threw for 522 yards and six TDs in a 51-34 win on Oct. 26.

"In the playoffs, everybody has to step their game up. Everybody," Adams said. "We all have to play lights out to win, to beat Peyton."

Manning tried everything to get his team on track, even throwing long several times. But Indy's secondary didn't blink, making it difficult for Manning to locate Demaryius Thomas (five catches, 59 yards, one score) and Emmanuel Sanders (seven catches, 46 yards).

"Didn't play well enough," Manning said. "Their defense played well and their defense forced us into some bad execution. I thought we had some chances as well and I thought I could've played better."

Next up for the Colts is Tom Brady, who threw for 257 yards and two scores in a 42-20 victory on Nov. 16.

"We know we have to step our game up even more with Tom Brady," Adams said.

Packers 26, Cowboys 21

In Green Bay, hobbled but happy, Aaron Rodgers might have felt a bit lucky, too.

No matter: The All-Pro quarterback and his Green Bay Packers are one step away from the Super Bowl.

More stationary than usual because of a left calf injury, Rodgers rallied the Packers from an 8-point deficit with two second-half touchdowns passes to beat Dallas 26-21 Sunday.

S I D E B A R

Peyton's future murky after loss to Colts

DENVER (AP)—Peyton Manning hedged on returning next year to play for the Denver Broncos.

Following a 24-13 loss to Indianapolis in the AFC divisional playoffs on Sunday, the 38-year-old, five-time MVP was asked if he planned to return for the 2015 season.

"I guess I just can't give that simple answer, I'm processing it," Manning said. "So, I can't say that."

As recently as Christmas Eve, Manning said he planned on being back next season if the Broncos wanted him.

Manning went 26 for 46 for 211 yards and a touchdown against the Colts. He struggled to find his rhythm, as has been the case since mid-November, when the Broncos started running the ball more.

He said he's been dealing with a thigh bruise since the Dec. 14 game against the Chargers, but said it felt good enough to play with coming into the playoffs.

Ryan accepts Bills offer

In New York, Rex Ryan is switching teams—not divi-

sions—after reaching an agreement to coach the Buffalo Bills.

A person familiar with the talks told The Associated Press the former New York Jets coach accepted in principle the Bills' contract offer after two days of discussions. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Bills have not discussed their search to replace Doug Marrone, who stepped down abruptly Dec. 31.

The offer came a day after the Bills identified Ryan as a finalist and met with him for a second time in South Florida, where new owners Terry and Kim Pegula live. Ryan was one of 12 candidates to interview for the job since last weekend.

Ryan was chosen ahead of other notable candidates, including two-time Super Bowl winner Mike Shanahan, Cincinnati offensive coordinator Hue Jackson and former Bills backup quarterback Frank Reich, who completed his first season as San Diego's offensive coordinator.

At the same time, a second person familiar with the talks told the AP the Bills are negotiating to hire Greg Roman as

offensive coordinator. Roman, a finalist for the Bills' coaching job, spent the past four years as the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator. Roman's future is uncertain in San Francisco after coach Jim Harbaugh left to coach Michigan.

Roman is regarded as a good fit under Ryan, because the two share a similar run-first philosophy. The 49ers' running attack ranked among the NFL's top 10 in each of the past four seasons under Roman.

The Bills are coming off a 9-7 finish, matching their best record in a decade, but missed the playoffs to extend the NFL's longest active drought to 15 years.

Marrone's departure caught the Bills by surprise, when the second-year coach quit the team by using an opt-out clause in his contract.

Marrone, coincidentally, has interviewed with the Jets, where he previously served as the team's offensive line coach.

The Bills prepare to become the first of six NFL teams, including Ryan's former team, to fill their coaching vacancy this offseason.

Replays showed Bryant bobbling the ball as he rolled into the end zone, with part of it touching the field.

"By rule he must hold onto it throughout entire process of contacting the ground," tweeted Dean Blandino, the league's director of officiating. "He didn't, so it is incomplete."

An impassioned Bryant didn't buy it.

"All I know is I had possession, I had possession of the ball coming down," Bryant said. "That's possession, right? One, two, reach. Bam, that's possession."

Green Bay closed it out before a Lambeau-record 79,704 on Randall Cobb's diving 12-yard reception of a deflected pass on third-and-11. That gave Cobb eight catches for 116 yards and set off a raucous celebration at the iconic venue.

"It's unbelievable," Cobb said. "For the ball to get tipped and magically appear in my area, you can't tell me there's not a God. That was a crazy play."

One of many.

The Cowboys' first post-season trip to Green Bay since the 1967 Ice Bowl for the NFL championship resulted in their first road defeat of the season after eight victories. Dallas got 123 yards rushing from league leader DeMarco Murray and a courageous effort from Tony Romo, who hurt his left leg in the third quarter.

That meant there were two hobbling quarterbacks. All-Pro Rodgers, bothered by a left calf he injured in Game 15, lost much of his trademark elusiveness as the game wore on.

"A little bit worse, yeah," Rodgers said of how his calf felt as the game progressed. "Hard to say, see how it feels in the morning."

Regardless, he was on-target for a short pass to Davante Adams that turned into the 41-yard score to make it 21-20. Then he sharply guided the Packers 80 yards to the winning points, a 13-yard bullet to backup tight end Richard Rodgers in the back of the end zone.

Murray atoned in style for a third-quarter fumble, gaining 32 yards on the Cowboys' ensuing possession, including a 29-yard sprint one play after Romo hurt his leg. The hobbling Romo handed to Murray for the 1-yard plunge that made it 21-13, then limped to the bench for treatment on the leg.

When he came back in, Romo was sacked on consecutive plays, the first ending the third period, the second forcing a punt.

Rodgers had stood firm in firing over the middle to Adams, who cut right, shrugged off a weak tackle by J.J. Wilcox and sped into the end zone. The 90-yard drive got the Lambeau faithful back into it.

Then came the decisive fourth-quarter series on which Rodgers went 7 for 7. He finished 24 for 35 for 316 yards and extended his record string without a home interception to 442 attempts. He has 39 TD passes in that span.

had any time left in its season if not for referee Gene Steratore's decision. Dez Bryant's leaping, bobbling 31-yard catch at the Packers 1 on a fourth-and-2 play was challenged by Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy. Instead of first-and-goal for Dallas (13-5), the ball went over to the Packers.

"Some people think throwing the red flag is fun," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

"It was such an impactful play, you had to challenge. It was a confident challenge. And a hopeful one, too."

One packed with controversy, as well.

"Look, I'll tell you this, I've never seen that a day in my life," Bryant said. "I want to know why it wasn't a catch."

Because Bryant didn't maintain control all the way to the ground, as the rule states.

Heat beat Clippers to snap 3-game skid



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hasan Whiteside spent the summer dialing NBA teams seeking a tryout. No was always the response until he heard yes from Miami coach Erik Spoelstra.

Whiteside proved his worth with career highs of 23 points and 16 rebounds in the Heat's 104-90 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday.

"It means a lot," Whiteside said. "It's crazy that I'm on a team called the Heat because there's always been a flame inside me. I always try to come in and just play as hard as I can and keep proving people wrong."

Chris Bosh scored 34 points and Dwyane Wade had 17 points on 5-of-15 shooting and 10 assists to help the Heat end a three-game road skid.

Whiteside signed with the Heat as a free agent around Thanksgiving and has played four games in the D-League this season. The Clippers were among the teams that turned down his workout request.

"We didn't look at him before, me and 29 other teams," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "He's playing terrific."

They had no answer for the 7-foot Whiteside in his third year out of Marshall. His offensive display ran the gamut from tip-ins to dunks to jumpers. About the only thing Whiteside didn't do was try a 3-pointer. He was 10 of 13 from the field and 3 of 4 from the line in 28 minutes.

"He changed shots down low on defense and got us offensive rebounds, putbacks, dunks, layups, and did a really good job of controlling the paint," Bosh said.

Blake Griffin scored 26 points and Chris Paul had 23 points and nine assists for the Clippers. They had won two straight and six of their previous eight.

Paul, Matt Barnes, DeAndre Jordan and Jamal Crawford were whistled for technical fouls and the team spent much of the game barking at the referees.

The Clippers took a 19-6 lead, helped by 3-pointers from J.J. Redick, who finished with 14 points, and two by Paul. From there, it was all Miami.

"That's the thing that is so frustrating," Griffin said. "We started the game well and just didn't do a good job after that."

Whiteside replaced Chris Andersen halfway through the first and propelled the Heat on a 24-10 spurt, including 13 in a row when Jordan and Paul earned technicals, to give Miami a 30-29 lead. Whiteside was 5 of 6 from the floor and had six rebounds in 6 minutes in the quarter.

"We gave him too many easy buckets right at the glass," Griffin said. "He played extremely well. His efficiency was great. He was the biggest difference in the this game."



Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, left, has his shot blocked by Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Los Angeles. The Heat won, 104-90.

Miami ran off the first eight points of the second quarter, extending its lead to 38-29. A pair of free throws by Andersen completed a 25-point swing for the Heat, having gone from 13 down in the first to up 12 in the second.

Grizzlies 122, Suns 110

In Memphis, Marc Gasol scored the first seven points in the second overtime, Zach Randolph had 27 points and 17 rebounds and the Memphis Grizzlies outlasted the Phoenix Suns 122-110 on Sunday night.

Gasol finished with 12 points to help Memphis end a two-game losing streak. Mike Conley added 25 points and eight assists and Courtney Lee had 18 points.

Isaiah Thomas led Phoenix with 20 points, but had a costly turnover trying

to get the ball into the front court with the Suns leading late in the first overtime.

Markieff Morris added 17 points, Alex Len had 14 points and 13 rebounds, and P.J. Tucker, Eric Bledsoe and Marcus Morris had 11 points apiece.

Tucker's layup tied it 101 with 5.9 left in regulation. The Grizzlies begged for basket interference, saying Bledsoe pulled the net as the ball was bouncing on the rim.

Bledsoe's 3-pointer with 33.3 seconds left in the first overtime gave the Suns a 108-106 lead. The Suns stopped the Grizzlies on the next possession, but Thomas gave away the ball and Lee—fouled by Dragic—made two free throws with 16.2 left. Bledsoe then missed at the buzzer, forcing the second extra period.

The Suns trailed by 16 in the second

half and 14 early in the fourth quarter.

Trail Blazers 106, Lakers 94

In Los Angeles, Damian Lillard scored 17 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, leading Portland past Los Angeles.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 15 points and nine rebounds, and Chris Kaman added 12 rebounds and nine assists in his fourth start of the season and second against his former team. The Blazers have won 27 of their last 32 games and are a season-best 22 over .500 at 30-8.

Kobe Bryant was rested by Lakers coach Byron Scott for the sixth time in 11 games and second game in a row. The NBA's third-leading career scorer, playing in his 19th season at age 36, played in only six games last season due to a torn Achilles and a fracture in his left knee.

Wesley Johnson returned to the Lakers' lineup and scored 17 points after missing three games because of a strained hip flexor.

Kings 103, Cavaliers 84

In Sacramento, DeMarcus Cousins had 26 points and 13 rebounds and Sacramento handed Cleveland its seventh loss in eight games with LeBron James out with a strained back and sore left knee.

Rudy Gay added 23 points for Sacramento. Darren Collison had 16, and Carl Landry 11.

Kevin Love led the Cavaliers with 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Kyrie Irving scored 14 of his 21 points in the first quarter and had seven assists.

Timofey Mozgov, acquired from Denver last week, had 14 points and 12 rebounds. JR Smith struggled after scoring 27 points in his second game since joining Cleveland in a trade with New York. He had four points on 2-of-10 shooting in 30 minutes.

Cleveland is 1-8 in its last nine games to drop to 19-19.

Hawks 120, Wizards 89

In Atlanta, Kyle Korver scored 19 points and DeMarre Carroll had 16 to help Eastern Conference-leading Atlanta beat Washington for its eighth straight victory.

Korver was 5 for 7 from 3-point range, improving his NBA-leading percentage to 50.2. His smoothest move, however, was a behind-the-back pass to Carroll for a layup and a 64-54 lead in the third.

Improving to 16-3 at home and 29-8 overall, the Hawks got 15 points from Al Horford and 11 each from Paul Millsap, Jeff Teague and Mike Scott. Atlanta has won 13 of 14 and 22 of 24.

John Wall had 15 points for Washington and Nene added 14. The Wizards were outscored 33-12 in the fourth quarter. They won their previous three games.

sent pitcher David Price to Detroit.

The left-handed hitting Jaso returns to his original team. He played parts of three seasons with the Rays in 2008, 2010 and 2011. Silverman envisions him contributing mostly as a designated hitter, while also adding depth as a catcher.

"He's the kind of (offensive) player our lineup has been missing against right-handed pitching," Silverman said, adding another key to the deal was an opportunity to acquire Robertson, a 20-year-old prospect the Rays believe has a chance to develop into an everyday player.

Jaso hit .264 with nine home runs and 40 RBIs. The 31-year-old went on the disabled list on Aug. 25 because of a concussion and missed the rest of the season.

A's get Zobrist, Escobar from Rays



OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—After spending much of the off-season dealing away stars, Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane added one for a change.

The A's acquired versatile two-time All-Star infielder Ben Zobrist and shortstop Yunel Escobar from the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday for catcher John Jaso and two minor leaguers in a trade between teams that have been real busy this offseason.

"He's really kind of a perfect fit with his skill set," Beane said of Zobrist. "You

could probably say that about 29 other clubs. He's a pretty unique player."

The 33-year-old Zobrist helped the Rays make the playoffs four of the past seven seasons, including an improbable run to the World Series in 2008. He hit .272 with 10 home runs and 52 RBIs last season, and made starts at second base, shortstop, all three outfield spots and designated hitter.

Zobrist gives the A's a switch-hitter with power and patience who can be used at a variety of positions on a team that prizes versatility. He will start off at second base in Oakland.

Zobrist became expendable after the budget-minded Rays finalized a one-year, \$7.5 million contract with former Cleveland infielder Astrubal Cabrera, who will either play shortstop or second base, with another recent arrival, Nick Franklin, getting an opportunity to earn the other spot.

"These trades are difficult, but they're a necessary part of how we operate," Rays president of baseball operations Matt Silverman said of moving Zobrist, a fan favorite who's entering the final year of a contract that pays him \$7.5 million in 2015.

The Rays obtained Franklin from Seattle last July in the multi-team trade that

SIDEBAR

LeBron could return Tuesday against Suns

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—LeBron James could return to action Tuesday in the Cleveland Cavaliers' game against the Phoenix Suns, provided he has a strong practice on Monday, league sources said.

Cavaliers coach David Blatt said he is hopeful James will practice Monday in Phoenix. Two other sources said James definitely will participate.

James has missed eight straight games with left knee and lower back strains, including Sunday's game against the Sacramento Kings. Blatt didn't rule out the possibility of James playing Tuesday.

"Right now we're in a stage where he is shooting and he is moving," Blatt said. "He's running through sets. He still hasn't done live work. [Monday] we will see if we can do that with him."

James took part a 25-minute shooting and dribbling workout that grew in intensity prior to the Kings game. The intensity of James' participation in practice on Monday will be based on how he feels as it progresses, a team official said. The Cavaliers announced Jan. 1 that the 11-year NBA veteran was expected to be out two weeks.

Blatt didn't rule out James playing Tuesday and added that it was "very possible" he will play on the team's current road trip that also includes games at the Los Angeles Lakers and Clippers this week.

"We entered this process with the expressed idea of getting him back 100 percent," Blatt said. "When he's ready, that's when he will play."

James has been eager to return in large part because of the Cavaliers' other injury woes, sources said. But he's also adhering to the team's medical protocol. James must have at least one solid practice before returning to play, one source said. The Cavaliers have added center Timofey Mozgov and guards Iman Shumpert and J.R. Smith in trades since James left the lineup with his injuries.

James, 30, is averaging 25.2 points, 7.6 rebounds and 5.3 assists this season. The most consecutive games he previously missed in his career was five during the 2007-08 season because of a finger injury.

Matansa vs Lady Blues in girls U15 finale

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Lady Blues and Matansa Sparks finished in the Top 2 after the elimination round games in the 2014 SSS Christmas Youth Futsal Tournament to arrange their title duel in the girls U15 division.

Lady Blues took the No. 1 spot and the first finals berth after completing the

double-round robin elimination with a 5-0-1 win-draw-loss record, while Matansa ended up with a 4-1-1 slate.

Incidentally, Matansa handed Lady Blues its lone loss in the elimination after eking out a 3-2 victory last Friday.

Angel Sally scored two goals in the close win that also avenged Matansa's 4-2 loss to Lady Blues in their first meeting on Dec. 27. Pinyarat Shankweiler nailed the other goal in Matansa's victory over Lady Blues, which drew one goal apiece from Negahr

Rastguiy and De Jana Muna in the second half.

Lady Blues went on to bounce back from its first loss last Saturday after beating Orange Rangers, 5-1.

Diana Maniacop started things out for Lady Blues, as she knocked in a pair of goals in the first half. Her three teammates then stepped up in the second half as Katherine Magat, Muna, and Jobelle Tabuena scored one goal each to complete the easy win.

Pauline Joyce Grace hit the lone goal

for Orange Rangers, who finished the elimination round winless in six games.

In the other girls U15 match last Saturday, Matansa downed Girly Flowers & Rainbows, 5-2.

Again, Sally was at the forefront of Matansa's attack, as this time she had a hat-trick against Girly Flowers & Rainbows. She recorded the two goals in the second half to foil Girly Flowers & Rainbows' upset bid after the first half ended in a tie, 2-2.

Shankweiler registered the other goal

for Matansa in the second half, while Bernadette Horey also nailed one goal in the first frame. Gilliam Villagomez and Guinevere Borja lit up the board in the first half to keep Girly Flowers & Rainbows in the game.

Meanwhile, the Matansa-Lady Blues' winner-take-all finale will be played this Saturday at 5:30pm. The two other division title matches—the co-ed U12 and boys U15—are also scheduled this weekend at 4:30pm and 6:30pm, respectively.

Spartans, Jump It clash for C division crown

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The Jokers Spartans and Joe's DNA Jump It dispatched their respective semifinal foes last week to arrange a title showdown in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association's Bud Light Cup.

The Spartans coasted to an easy 8-2 decision against Sand Juvy Ta Chagi, while Jump It rallied to escape with an 8-7 win over the Smoke Pub Bull It in a pair of race-to-8 semis contests. The Spartans-Jump It title match is set for tomorrow.

The pair of Jun Santos and Mel Aldan started the one-sided match after disposing of Ta Chagi's Rita Fitial and Ken Aguon. It was an all Spartans show from thereon.

Aguon and Fitial recorded Ta Chagi's two wins in the Random Cricket and Double Out events.

It was a different story in the Jump It- Bull It duel with the former rallying in the latter part of their matchup to earn the right of facing the Spartans in the finals.

The Smoke Pub-backed squad was one win away from clinching a finals berth as it was holding on to a 7-5 lead entering the last two events of the match.

However, Ray Bosil and Gus Camacho defeated Sid Camacho and Nei Satur in the first partners game, keeping Jump It's title bid alive. Kevin Maratita and Joy Maratita leveled the contest by beating Natalie Reyes and Selma Salas to force the team event as the deciding match.

Jump It completed the comeback



Joe's DNA Jump It members celebrate their victory over Smoke Pub Bull-It in the semifinal round of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association's Bud Light Cup last week.

win after Bosil, Gus Camacho, Joy Maratita, and Erina Olkeriil bested Satur, Ricky Casugay, Natalie Reyes

and Sid Camacho in the team event.

The awarding of the regular season and Bud Light Cup winners is set on

Jan. 25, starting at 10:30am at Pacific Island Club-Saipan's Charley's Cabaret.

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and the Northern Vikings in the elimination round. The Lightning held their opponents to 13 points a game in the elimination, including a 32-0 blanking of the Thunder on Dec. 20.

Southern quarterback Norman Cabrera was instrumental in the Thunder's early strike when he found Scottson Suda free from his defenders and the latter gifted his team with a 35-yard touchdown.

Donavin Ada, just before the opening period ended, put the Lightning on the board and tied the game with a

kick-off return for a TD. Zander Tkel, moments later, ran for the 2-point conversion to put Eastern on top.

It was almost the same play in the second period, as Ada scored on a 32-yard TD run with Tkel adding two more points to give the Lightning a 16-6 lead at the turn.

It was an all Lightning show from thereon with Gregorio Sablan scoring on a 36-yard TD run and Jose Camacho pushing the lead to 18 with a 2-point conversion, 24-6.

The Thunder had several chances to score with Napu Atalig catching a Norman Cabrera pass against two Lightning defenders at the 10-yard line

before being taken down. Southern, however, failed to score due to penalties that included a 5-yard loss on a false start called on the offensive line.

The game was also halted for almost 20 minutes as a Thunder player suffered a whiplash after accidentally being hit by a Lightning player. The Thunder player was conscious when EMS personnel arrived and he was later taken to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Kimo Angailen, when play resumed, made it 30-6 after a 4-yard TD run.

The Lightning defense held their own against the Thunder's numerous tries of trimming down the deficit.

Cabrera managed to trick the Lightning defense with a 35-yard TD pass to Napu Atalig midway in the fourth. The Thunder quarterback ran for the 2-point conversion.

That proved to be the final tally, as time was not on the Thunder's side and the Lightning tightened up their defense.

Sablan, Ada and Tkel outrushed the entire Thunder, combining for 150 rushing yards against their opponent's 39.

The Lightning, for the first time, had less passing yards as Ada and Tkel combined for only 28 compared to the 129 by Cabrera, Brent Azarcon, and Jerett Rosario. The Thunder also had

more receiving yards with 129 against the 28 of Sablan and Tkel.

Donnie Fejeran had 7 tackles to lead the Eastern defense, while Alvin Pua had 6 and 1 sack. Kermen Terry Jr. and Augustine Aguon had 4.5 tackles each with Angailen ending up with 3.5.

Franko Bondoc had 6 tackles for the Thunder, while N-Nes Siech made 4.5.

Meanwhile, the Lightning, who recorded their fifth straight win and 10th since last year's inaugural season, will now travel down south in Guam to take on a team composed of youth league squads Eagles and Raiders in a friendly match this Saturday.

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award the person the cash prize.

Gibson said they plan to sell the scratch cards in the next three to four months. "But all will depend on the market. We will also change the type of games every three months to give the players variety."

"A lot of NOCs from other coun-

tries are also using the lottery system in raising their funds. We're hoping to raise as much money as we can to help fund NMSA's activities and operations. We'll be working hard to promote this," said Gibson.

NMSA signed an agreement with Pacific Lotteries of Australia last Oct. 21 to become the distributor of the scratch card tickets in the CNMI. NMSA is the CNMI's sports governing body and

an independent organization that rely solely on funds given by private companies and other sponsors.

Last year, NMSA took over the maintenance and management of the Oleai Sports Complex that houses the track and field facility, football field, Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, and Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios baseball and Miguel "Tang Ge" Pangelinan softball fields.

NMSA is also at the forefront of

resurfacing the Oleai track oval in the hopes of bringing it back to its Level II international certification and hosting the 2017 Micronesian Regional Championships leading to the 2021 Pacific Mini Games on Saipan.

A total of 200,000 scratch cards will be initially sold by 35 stores with the agents to be trained by Pacific Lotteries.

This practice of sports governing bodies getting funds from revenues

collected on bingo, casino, lottery, sweepstakes and other games of chance is not new as Australia, Guam, the Philippines, and several other countries do the same.

In the Philippines, its government alone allots 5 percent of the income generated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., from the casinos it operates to finance the country's sports development programs.

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Holdings Basketball Classic last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Jack Aranda led the Sonics' 10-point win over Dream Team after scoring 26 points. Aranda gave the Sonics their second win in four games and handed Dream Team its first loss after four matches.

The Sonics guard showed consistency on offense all night and drew support from Jaymark De Guzman and Emerson Feria to help their team bounce back from a 62-70 loss to division leader

Rollers 1 at the start of the new year.

De Guzman chipped in 15 points, while Feria contributed 13. De Guzman teamed up with Aranda in the first half, as they combined for 22 points for the Sonics' 31-23 advantage. Aranda ended the first 20 minutes of play with successive baskets, as he drilled 6 straight points in the closing minutes.

The Saipan Southern High School standout then nailed the Sonics' first field goal in the second half, making a triple, while Feria began hitting his mark in that period after being held to 3 points off one field goal and a free throw in the first half.

With Aranda still on fire and Feria

and De Guzman backing him up, the Sonics foiled Dream Team's repeated comeback bids in the second half.

Dream Team failed to overhaul the deficit in the second half, as only Shane De Leon Guerrero and Ignacio Borja poured in points for the squad and help came in late. DeLeon Guerrero top-scored for Dream Team with his 15 markers, while Borja added 14.

In the second game, Rollers 1 pounded Sun Palace, 77-31.

Rollers 1 improved its record to 3-0 and gained the top spot in the eight-team field after Dream Team fell to the Sonics. Sun Palace is at the bottom half of the team standings with its 0-3 slate.

Rollers 1's firepower was simply superior against the hapless Sun Palace. Three Rollers 1 players broke into double figures with Prince Factor's 14 points, Irvin Malonzo's 13, and Mike Espinosa's 11 enough to outgun the entire Sun Palace crew. Seven other players made it to the board for Rollers 1.

John Capuyon Jr. and Ankie Manalili led Sun Palace's losing cause, as they tallied 9 points apiece, while John Benevante was only the third Sun Palace player to drill more than one basket.

Meanwhile, results of last Friday's U19 matches will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Wednesday edition.

First Game

Sonics 69—Aranda 26, De Guzman 12, Feria 13, Flores 6, Manzano 5.

Dream Team 59—S. DeLeon Guerrero, I. Borja 14, Kwon 8, Francisco 7, E. Borja 6, Sanchez 4, Darag 4.

Scoring by halves: 31-23, 69-59.

Second Game

Rollers 1 77—Factor 14, Malonzo 13, Espinosa 11, Arciaga 8, Mendoza 5, Iglecias 5, De Leon 4, Cayading 4, Fidelino 3, Vivero 2.

Sun Palace 31—Capuyon 9, Manalili 9, Benavente 5, Gabaldon 3, Pangelinan 2, Ocaya 1.

Scoring by halves: 44-13, 77-31.

Tsunami Saipan Swimmers at 2014 Guam International Meet

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Juhn Tenorio, left, leads the podium finishers in the 9 to 10 age group division of the 2014 Guam International Meet held late last month at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.



Angel De Jesus, right, joins the two other podium finishers in the girls 15 to 16 age division.



Nelson Batallones, right, poses with the Top 2 finishers in the 11 to 12 age group.



Kana Suzuki, right, gets ready to plunge into the pool.



From left, Juhn Tenorio, Isaiah Aleksenko, Nelson Batallones, and Kana Suzuki pose for a photo at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool before leaving for Guam.



Angel De Jesus catches her breath after joining the 200m individual medley event.



Juhn Tenorio gets ready at the starting block.



Isaiah Aleksenko races in the 200m freestyle event.



Angel De Jesus cools off after a practice swim at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.



Juhn Tenorio competes in the 100m breaststroke race.



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The Eastern Lightning players and officials pose for a photo after beating the Southern Thunder in the finals of the Commonwealth Football League Association's 2014 Youth Football League last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Lightning strike twice in youth league

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The Eastern Lightning rushed their way to a second straight title after rallying past the Southern Thunder, 30-14, in the finals of the Commonwealth Football League Association 2014 Youth Football League last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.



The Dave Ada-coached Eastern crew found themselves in unfamiliar territory after trailing early in the first quarter. It was the first time that the Lightning fell behind in a match after posting lopsided wins over the Thunder



JON PEREZ

The Eastern Lightning's Zander Tkel, left, tries to find an open teammate, while being chased by Jeremy Agulto, 6, and George Satoshi, 91, in their title game in the Commonwealth Football League Association's 2014 Youth Football League last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

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NMSA to launch scratch card lottery next week

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In less than a week, Saipan stores will start selling scratch card lottery tickets with part of the proceeds going to the Northern Marianas Sports Association's daily operating cost and the national athletes' off-island trips. Pacific Lotteries Ltd. of Australia

lia representative Steve Gibson is on Saipan to assist NMSA in the launching of the scratch card lottery system. He attended last Thursday's NMSA monthly meeting at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym conference room and made a brief presentation to the board.

Gibson said they were supposed to launch the lottery system in December but it was delayed due to ticket printing problems. He, however, assured that the firm printing it has been known for

its integrity and security features printed on the scratch cards.

"The printing is secured and the scratch cards have all the necessary security features to avoid tampering and creating of a fake winning card," said Gibson, who added that the instant scratch cards are a popular fundraising activity for most National Olympic Committees and non-government organizations.

"We usually do this type of fund-

raising activity for NOCs and NGOs. The scratch cards are sold in retail stores and we will promote it through TV, radio, and newspaper advertising," said Gibson.

Scratch card players could win \$5, \$20, \$50 and \$100 instantly which can be redeemed from the retail outlet. Pacific Lotteries officials will come to Saipan if someone wins the \$1,000 jackpot prize to verify the ticket and

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Sonics hand Dream Team first defeat

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The 670 Sonics snapped Dream Team's winning run after recording a 69-59 victory in the first boys U19 division game in the 2014 Tan Holdings Badminton Classic at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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The 670 Sonics' Bryle Alegre pulls up for a jumper against the O'Acres' Tristan Montes during an earlier game in the boys U19 division of the 2014 Tan Holdings Badminton Classic at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.